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WILL HE DO IT?

International Monetary Conference Question In Senate,

Bill Already Drafted and the President Will Be Given a Chance to Carry Out His Ideas of an International Agreement—Committee Is Encouraged by Reports.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 26.—Friends of the movement for international monetary conference expect the question to be brought up in the senate soon after the holidays. Senator Wolcott, chairman of the caucus committee on that subject, has drafted a bill as a basis for action. The disposition of the members of the committee is to allow the President to fix the number of commissioners following the course of other nations in that regard. The committee will also allow the President to make the appointments An appropriation will be made to carry the act into effect. The purpose of the bill is to furnish the President with the means of carrying out the declaration of Republican platform. The committee is encouraged by the reports of the prospect of securing a conference and of its success.

TO FORM A POOL.

Manufacturers of White Paper Trying to Organize a Combination.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

New York, Dec. 26—A delegation of Wisconsin paper manufacturers, headed by J. A. Kimberly, has been here several days conferring with represenatives of Eastern manufacturers of white paper used by newspapers, with a view to forming a pool. It is believed that the most prominent firms of the West will agree to the proposed combination. Negotiations are for newspaper grade only.

KENTUCKY LAWMAKERS

Will Meet March Fifth—Coffee and Pistols for Two Or More.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 26.—Gossips now fix March 5th for the day for calling the extra sessions of the legislature. That will enable Gov. Bradley to carry out his idea regarding the senatorial vacancy and give the new senator an opportunity to serve in the extra session of congress, if one is called.

Conferring With Eckels.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—The committee of the directors of the Illinois National bank, Chicago, that recently failed, are here to confer with Comptroller Eckels concerning matters pertaining to the bank's suspension.

Coal vases, hods, shovels, tongs and pokers at J. C. Hibbs & Co's.

Ladies' toilet slippers make a very nice present for Christmas. You can get them of the Kendall Shoe Co. 18-tf

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

Ohio. — Cloudy tonight. Sunday probably fair and slightly colder.

Dying of Hydrophobia.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 26.—Conrad Eppers, who was bitten by a mad dog about a month ago and afterwards treated at Pasteur Institute, New York, died today of hydrophobia. Another boy, who was bitten about the same time, has died, and a third one shows symptoms of the dread disease.

No Interference.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—It can be denied officially and authoritatively that any European government, either directly or otherwise, has made any representation to the United States to restrain or prevent its free action in Cuban affairs.

PHELPS SAYS

Olney's Position in Regard to Spain Is O. K.

He Also Says There Is No Insurgent Government—If We Interfere by Arms It Means a Declaration of War With Spain—A Violation of International Law.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Burlington, Vt., Dec. 26.—Hon. Ed Phelps, ex-minister to Enlgand, says that Secretary Olney's position in regard to the congressional acknowledgement of Cuban independence is right. Speaking of the policy of recognizing Cuban independence, he said there was no insurgent government. He claims they are merely bands of guerrilas. If this country interferes by arms he thinks it will be the same as a declaration of war with Spain, against which government we have no grievance. He further states that it would be a gross and unjustifiable violation of internal law.

Mrs. Brown Dead,

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, wife of the late governor and ex-senator, Joseph E. Brown, died today, aged 70. She had just returned from an eighteen months' tour of Europe and the Holy Land.

The Horse Fell on Him.

Tilden Hughes, formerly with Padan Bros., met with a rather unfortunate accident Thursday evening. He was riding horseback, when the animal stumbled and fell down. Mr. Hughes' leg was caught under the horse and badly bruised. No bones were broken, but Mr. Hughes will be compelled to walk on crutches for a few days.

The finest line of baby shoes in the city at the Kendall Shoe Co.'s, in tan, chocolate, blue, pink and black.

The finest line of pocket cutlery, scissors and the like, for Christmas presents, at J. C. Hibbs & Co's.

THE LAST OF AL.

Negro Taken From the Jail at Owensboro, Ky., and Lynched.

Mob Fooled the Sheriff by Saying They Had a Prisoner to Lock Up—Holt Killed a Police Officer and Was Having His Trial—Afraid of Conviction.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 26.—Alfred Holt, colored, was taken from the jail at 2:30 a. m., and hanged to a tree in the court house yard by a mob which came in from the country on horseback. The jailer was thrown off his guard by two men who called, saying they had a prisoner to be locked up. They were admitted, whereupon they compelled the jailer to unlock the cell in which Holt was confined. Holt's crime was the killing of Police Officer A. W. White. The mob was very orderly and rode away as soon as the work was done. Holt's trial was in progress, and it was feared he would not be convicted.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE.

Special Program for Sunday Afternoon 3 O'clock at Y. M. C. A.

Special Christmas services will be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The following excellent program has been prepared.

Song, "Jesus is Calling."

Scripture Reading and Prayer.

Quartette, "Let the Lower Lights be Burning"—Messers Yeley, Warner, Marquette and Clark.

Recitation, selected—Miss Nitterhouse.

Solo, "Oh Holy Night"—Mrs. H. S. Johnson accompanist, Miss Alwina Caden.

Reading, selection from Devight Moody—Mr. Allen Cook.

Duett, selected—Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Titus.

Talk, "Christmas"—Dr. P. J. Kline.

Quartette, "Lead Kindly Light"—Messers Yeley, Warner, Marquette, Clark accompanist; Miss Mame Brandel.

Reading, selected—J. E. Hadley.

Song, "There shall be Showers of Blessings."

All men are welcome and should come early as seats are limited.

Noble Work of Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army served free dinner to the poor and needy Christmas day at the barracks on Chillicothe street. One hundred and thirty-nine people were fed on turkey and other good things which they were too destitute to buy. It is noble work the Salvation Army is doing.

Order

A dozen of the exrta dark beer brewed for the holidays by The Portsmouth Brewing and Ice company. The telephone No. 94.

Put your property into the hands of Willis & Rainey for rent or sale, as they are hustlers. No 206 West Second street. 24-6t

WASHINGTON NEWS.

What is Going on at the Seat of Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Chester R. Faulkner, for some years a prominent politician of Indiana, and of recent years private secretary of Senator Voorhees, died at Providence hospital Friday afternoon of injuries received Thursday night by being run over by a street car. He fell under the car which ran over and crushed his right leg above the knee. Amputation was resorted to, but the victim slowly sank under the shock and operation. Mr. Faulkner was a resident of Holton, Ripley county, Ind., where had a wife and two daughters. Two sons were killed in the war of the rebellion. He was 75 years of age.

Sues for Damages.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Ex-Priest McNamara, who has figured prominently as a lecturer, has sued the corporation of Brookland, a suburb of this city, for $200 damages, because he was refused the occupancy of the town hall, which it is alleged, he had engaged.

NIGHT OPERATOR

Stabbed to Death by Two Drunken Men at Wasson, Miss.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—Passengers by the Illinois Central train bring news of a tragedy at Wasson, Miss., about 3 o'clock Friday morning. Two young men named Cass, from the country, were drunk and disorderly in the passenger waiting room. The night operator there tried to quiet them but failed.

Under the laws of Mississippi the railroad agents are peace officers about their stations, and the night operator tried to exercise his authority as a peace officer in ejecting the drunken rowdies. He was set upon by them and stabbed three times, from the effects of which he died some hours later. His name was Addison.

A Costly Mistake.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Henry H. Kutner, who sued to recover $20,000 damages from James C. Fargo, as president of the American Express Co., for malicious arrest and imprisonment, obtained a verdict in his favor for $10,000. Kutner, in July, 1893, while a clerk in the employ of the defendant, was arrest on a charge of having stolen a parcel containing a watch and chain, of the value of $27.50. consigned to R. McAllister, White Plains. His trial in general sessions resulted in a verdict of acquittal.

A WILKESBARRE CHURCH

Together With the Pipe Organ and a Dozen Memorial Windows Destroyed by Fire.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 26.—St. Stephen's church, the most fashionable Episcopal church in town, situated on St. Franklin street, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning, the fire having caught from the heating apparatus in the basement. It must have smouldered all night, as when discovered the whole interior was ablaze. The interior was very beautiful. The great organ and a dozen memorial windows and tablets were also destroyed. Only the silver communion service was was saved. The walls were left standing.

The church was valued at $90,000, and was four years ago remodeled at a cost of $20,000. The loss is $50,000. There is an insurance of $30,000.

The fire skipped one building and then caught the building occupied by the Westmoreland club house.

Some of the most expensive furniture was saved, but the loss to the building and furniture will be $20,000.

Mrs. Ellen Terry Johnson Dead.

HARTFORD, Ct., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Ellen Terry Johnson, the wife of Prof. Charles F. Johnson, of Trinity College, died suddenly of heart disease Friday afternoon. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Charles Terry, of Cleveland, O., and was descended from Gen. Nathaniel Terry and Gen. Jeremiah Wadsworth, of Revolutionary fame. She was a cousin of the late Major General Alfred Terry, U. S. A. Her sister is the wife of Col. Henry W. Slosson, U. S. A., retired, of Washington, D. C.

Woman Fatally Burned.

MARYSVILLE, O., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Maggie Hunt, an aged lady, is lying at the point of death from the effects of the explosion of a lamp, setting her bed clothing on fire and also her home. Her son-in-law, John Kane, was terribly burned in his efforts to save her.

Bound Over for Attempted Murder.

ST. MARYSVILLE, O., Dec. 26.—Harry Lock, of Milford Center, was bound over to court and remanded to jail, charged with intent to kill James Alden, whom he had fired at three times, one ball passing through his clothing near the heart.

His 103d Christmas.

AKRON, O., Dec. 26.—Frank Mitchell, colored, celebrated his 103d Christmas in this city Friday. He was born in Alabama a slave, and served as Gen. James A. Garfield's servant during the war. He is hale and active and an inveterate smoker.

Found Dead in Bed.

LONDON, O., Dec. 26.—Chas. Wilson, aged about 35 years, living five miles north of this city, was found dead in his bed Thursday morning. His death was supposed to have been caused by apoplexy.

CHRISTMAS PARDON.

Isaac Smith, Who Has Been Reprieved Nine Times, Once While the Rope Was Around His Neck and the Cap Drawn, a Free Man.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 26.—The Christmas pardon, a custom which has come down from the time of the early English kings, who borrowed from the Romans, goes this year to a man who has been condemned to death nine times.

Isaac Smith, of Pike county, was convicted in 1889 of having killed his cousin, named Skidmore. The evidence was purely circumstantial, and almost everybody who had anything to do with the case believes Smith to be innocent.

The condemned man's attorney, E. B. Kinkead, of Columbus, and Detective T. E. Foster and J. A. Brown, though Smith was friendless and penniless, after months of work secured evidence of his innocence, but could induce Governor Campbell to agree to only one proposition. The governor would only reprieve Smith on condition that he be told nothing of it until the rope was about his neck, so that in this way, if possible, a confession might be extorted from him. This plan was carried out to the letter.

Attorney Kinkead, in the presence of the warden, spent the evening in the death cell trying to secure a confession. At midnight Smith was placed on the death trap, the noose adjusted and the black cap pulled down over his face. Then the reprieve was road to him. On eight other occasions he was reprieved, but not again at the last moment. Finally Gov. Campbell commuted the sentence to one of life imprisonment.

COLUMBUS CRIMES.

A Colored Man Found With a Broken Skull in an Alley—Ex-Convict Shoots Two Brothers—Dangerously Wounded in a Saloon Row.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 26.—Frank K. Johnson, colored, was found unconscious in an alley Friday evening. At the hospital to which he was removed it was found that his skull was fractured and he will die. He is 29 years of age, single, and lives here. No clew to the murderer.

Dan Donohue, an ex-convict, in a drunken brawl, shot at John and George Rowan, brothers, wounding both in the legs. In John Rowan's case amputation will be necessary. Donohue escaped.

Jas. Smith, alias Fred Brewer, struck Wm. Roach in the head with a brick in a saloon row Friday night, inflicting a dangerous wound. Smith is under arrest, charged with assault to kill.

WENT MAD

On the Night of Her Wedding—Wants to Commit Suicide.

ZANESVILLE, O., Dec. 26.—Madness on the night of her wedding was the terrible misfortune that came to Mrs. William Shouse. Her maiden name was Minnie Carter, and she and William Shouse were married just two weeks ago. In the probate court Thursday she was a raving maniac, and was adjudged insane. She was a prominent young lady, and was deeply interested in her nuptials, but immediately after the wedding ceremony became melancholy and later developed a suicidal mania. The matter was kept secret until her condition became very serious.

McKinley's Christmas.

CANTON, O., Dec. 26.—Maj. McKinley's Christmas was a very quiet one. He took advantage of the continued good sleighing weather to take two sleigh rides Friday morning. Mrs. McKinley accompanied him during one ride and a party of the major's nieces were with him on the second. The major and his wife took dinner with Mother McKinley, as is their custom, and during the afternoon the major read the papers and chatted with personal friends who called. There were no callers of political importance and none are expected Saturday.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani in Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, arrived in this city at 10 o'clock Friday night and was at once driven to the Parker house, which will be her headquarters during her stay in this city.

Trampled to Death By a Horse.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26. — Policeman Louis Klusman was trampled to death at the corner of McMicken avenue and Vine street, Friday afternoon, by a runaway horse he was attempting to catch. His neck was broken and his skull fractured by the cruel hoofs.

Woman Burned to Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Frances Ryan, the wife of Policeman Ryan, was burned to death Friday evening in a fire which occurred in their apartments on the third floor of No. 70 West One Hundred and Sixth street.

MINE FIRE.

Big Spring Hill Coal Shaft Near Halifax, N. S., Burning.

All the Miners Succeeded in Reaching the Surface in Safety.

Fruitless Efforts Are Being Made to Subdue the Flames—The Loss Will Be Heavy—Six Thousand People Will Suffer on Account of the Disaster.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 26.—A report has been received here Friday night that a serious fire is raging in the Big Spring Hill coal mine in Cumberland county. The fire broke out during the day and despite the efforts made to extinguish it, the flames got beyond the control of the men fighting to subdue them.

The fire started in the east slope. The miners are working desperately to keep the flames from spreading further.

The north slope is not in imminent danger. The fire originated in an 1,800-foot level and was caused by a pipeway carrying steam into the mine to operate the machinery becoming overheated. A large gang of men were at work at the time. At the first indication of danger they made a rush to escape and all reached the surface safely. The flames spread quickly to the 1,300-foot level, which is now converted into a raging furnace, the flames issuing from every opening to the slope.

Efforts were made to prevent the air from entering the mine, every opening being closed, but so far, this has been ineffectual in staying the fire.

It was feared that an explosion would occur, but so far there has been none. The disaster will be a terrible one to Spring Hill town, a place of six thousand people, supported wholly by the men working in the mines, which are owned by the Cumberland Coal and Railway Co. The total loss from the fire can not be estimated at present, but it will reach very high figures. The Spring Hill mines have been the scene of several calamities, the most serious being that of February, 1891, when nearly 120 men and boys were killed by an explosion.

A LOCOMOTIVE

Strikes a Motor Car, Killing the Motorman and Injures Several Passengers.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 26.—A trolley car coming to this city from Bethlehem Friday afternoon was struck by a Jersey Central passenger train on a grade crossing in East Allentown. The trolley car conductor had ran ahead and signaled to the motorman to proceed. He changed the signal upon seeing the approaching train, but it was too late. Motorman Lawrence J. Ware stopped the car with the front platform on the track. The train was running at the rate of 25 miles an hour, and when the locomotive struck the car it broke the platform off, carrying it 150 feet. The motorman was dragged almost as far and killed almost instantly. The car was broken to splinters. Conductor George Gresser had his face slightly bruised, and four passengers from Bethlehem were injured: John Brink, face cut; Mrs. John Brink, back bruised; Ed. Werg, thigh and spine hurt, and P. Gehman, forehead and cheek cut and legs bruised. None of their injuries, however, are serious. Motorman Ware was 39 years old and leaves a wife and eight children.

CRUSOE'S ISLAND

Suddenly Disappears in the Sea—Submarine Earthquake.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Robinson Crusoe's island (Juan Fernandez) has been swallowed up by the sea.

The rumor of the island's disappearance was first circulated several weeks ago by a sea captain at Lisbon, but the report was not believed at the time. The story was Friday given what is considered authentic verification by Capt. Powell, of the British ship James Kerr, now in this port. The Kerr has just arrived from Newcastle, New South Wales, and Capt. Powell avers that the story of the Spanish skipper seems to be true in every particular. The sailor stated that from the deck of his vessel he had seen the island go under, and that the sea all around was perturbed as if by a submarine earthquake.

Supposed Victim of the Mafia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Antione Z. Zagone, an Italian barber, supposed to be a victim of the Mafia, is dying at St. Vincent's hospital with two stab wounds in his left breast, and the police are looking for Luigi Catalone, who is accused of attacking him without provocation.

TIME FOR THE CLOAK CLEARANCE.

Want to have a bit of earnest talk with you on this Cloak matter; want you to believe every word we tell you. We are going to make a confidante of you. HERE'S THE CONFESSION. We are overstocked on garments and have decided to take a liberal loss now, while there are yet three months of winter before us. Better that than wait till the season is about ended and then begin. Every reduction is exactly as represented, and we shall make this the greatest Cloak trading event in years.

Unfavorable weather conditions have forced this loss upon us. Merchants have to take these chances. We bought for winter and it failed to come in time, so we'll just pocket the loss and make the best of it. One consolation is our customers get a benefit, so "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good."

Jackets.

Boucle Cloth Jacket, worth $6.00, for $3.75.

Boucle Cloth Jacket, worth $7.50, for $5.00.

Boucle Cloth Jacket, all silk lined, worth $10.00 and $12.50, for $7.50.

Kersey Cloth Jacket that we sold at $9.00, and were great bargains at that, we offer now for $6.50.

See our silk lined Boucle Cloth Jacket in green and tan, sold for $10.00, reduced to $5.00.

Our handsomest Jackets, that were considered big values for $18.00 and $20.00, are going for $13.50.

Capes.

Seal Plush Cape, thibet fur, edged around collar and front, trimmed with jet, fancy silk lined, for $4.98.

Beaver Cloth Double Cape, trimmed with braid and buttons, was considered a bargain at $5.00, reduced to $3.50.

Beaver Cloth Double Cape, thibet fur edge around collar and top cape, worth $9.00, for $5.00.

Electric Seal Fur Capes, worth $18.00 and $20.00 for $9.75.

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TIMES TELEPHONES.

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Preserve today's Daily Times for reference. It contains the commissioners' report, showing the entire expenses of the county for the year ending August 31st, 1896.

The Times will be glad to note in its columns the return of confidence in the commercial world beyond the influences of bank failures. We believe the times will be better after the first of the year, at least we hope they will. We can enjoy prosperity with much better grace than we can gold standard adversity.

We have the support of the business men of the county in our fight for economy in public expenditures. To make it, we lose from $500 to $1,000 of public pap, but the commercial business coming to a paper that is not a time-server, will more than amply repay us. Besides, we are conscious that we are independent of the demands of officials who would prostitute the powers of their officers to destroy the salutory effect of the exposure of shady public transactions.

The production of anthracite coal this year is officially given out at 43,000,000 tons, against 46,000,000 last year, a reduction of 3,000,000 tons. Last year it is stated, the coal trust made no money. What it has done this year may be judged from the fact that, cutting down production 7 per cent, the prices were advance $1.25 a ton. This little increase, paid by consumers, marks an increase of receipts of about $50,000,000. Who says the trusts are not a blessing? Interest, taxes and trust products are the only things enjoying a great boom these days.

It is said that fools rush in where angels fear to tread, but from the antics of the editors of the Blade-Tribune, it would seem that fools rush in where devils fear to tread. If not so, why is the editor of the Blade so mum? He wants to stay out of a hornet's nest under the pretension that Hard is King Bee. No such tactics will suffice to divorce the Blade gang from responsibility for the boodle methods that are now costing the county thousands of dollars each year.

Every man who owns real estate in Portsmouth can afford to take stock in or otherwise aid any legitimate enterprise in this city. These are the men who should come forward in aid of enterprises that are intended to increase the population of the city. Every new enterprise started here in the next six months will add to the value and stiffen the price of real estate in this city. The Standard Shoe company has at its head the best of ability, and these men are in the prime of life. Take the Heer factory as an example of what a young man with ability can do. The Excelsior is another sample of the same kind. Let us aid in founding another with young men at its head. There is an abundance of skilled labor in Portsmouth anxious to become producers, and, besides these, there is plenty of unskilled labor anxious for work. If all do their share, none will be asked for any great amount. All should pull together. Let the population of our city begin to decline, and the fall in rents and the value of real estate would be at least twenty-five per cent. The men who are looking forward to better things for our city, as business men or real estate owners, should come to the assistance in a small way, at least, of all legitimate enterprises to be placed in operation by young men who have their lives in our midst to recommend them.

Mr. E. C. Brown, son of William P. Brown, former owner of The Record, who is now in the city of New York studying machine work with the Americans Press Association, writes to friends in this city saying that in Greater New York 150,000 persons are destitute. It is hard to understand how, in a city of that character, which reversed a majoiry of 60,000 in favor of one of 30,000 for "sound money and prosperity," making a difference of nearly 100,000, such things can be. It is not to be wondered that the people of the West were denounced as anarchists and repudiators and whose personal appearance was so outrageously carricatured are now being called upon to contribute to keep their detractors and slanderers from absolute starvation. If this is not heaping the traditional coals of fire upon the head, then there is no such thing as returning good for evil.—Columbus Record.

The gang that infest the Blade-Tribune, like all piratical thieves, have ample cause to hate the editor of the Times, and it is not surprising that they have at all times sent breadcast reports, written by emissaries of the Blade-Tribune against us. Their heelers have assaulted us in every way possible, even to personal violence but we have held steadily to the course determined upon, when we came here. We have done two things: First, the Blade has been forced to become a semi-decent and a quasi newspaper, besides giving the officials of this city and county some reason to assume at least a position of economy in some directions in county and city expenditures. Today we publish the commissioners' report for the year ending August 31st, 1895, in the Daily Times, and Monday we will give the turn-pike report. We want you to preserve these reports. We will have reason to comment upon them. Our contemporaries have had much to say of the beauties of Republican economy in this county. They have had much to say of the party's great propensity to pay debts. They have also commented on the depreciation of the assessed value of property in Scioto county in the past few years. They have not failed to comment on the depreciation of prices and the consequent fall of wages, yet, a comparison of the expenditures for these years show the following results, as published in the commissioner's reports in their own papers:

Total expenditures for the year ending August 31, 1892	$286,774.48
Total expenditures for year ending Aug. 31, 1896	328,398 89
Net increase	$41,624.41

Quite a handsome increase in four years of GREAT panic and depression. These are recorded facts, and we venture to say that the Blade-Tribune gang will not take hold of the hot end of the poker to try to explain it. It is bad for them and for every official member of the gang in this county. The people have been robbed right and left, and the beneficiaries are in the Republican camp of boodlers in this county. Any attempt to unload a pretended scape-goat will be a sorry compensation to the people for the wholesale plundering of the people for the past few years. The public, as well as the unfortunate individuals in the hands of the sheriff have been robbed without mercy. The claim that the indebtedness of the county has been reduced will not satisfy the people. In one instance there has been pretended economy for black-mailing purposes, but it has failed, and, in order to nullify the effect of the vigorous fight made by the Times, the full resources of the gang has been called into play and the expenses of the county increased alarmingly. We invite a discussion of this question, believing it will result in lifting from the shoulders of honest toil in this county these increasing burdens under a falling labor market. The specious argument of the Blade has been that the debt is being paid off. Let us look at this one thing for a moment, and we dismiss the subject for today:

Total indebtedness Aug. 31, 1892	
Bonds	$100,000 00
Temporary Loans	18,700 00
	$118,700 00
Total indebtedness Aug. 31. 1896	
Bonds	$ 50,000.00
Temporary Loans	31,950.00
Total	$ 81,950.00

Comment is unnecessary.

The figures on the exports of this country for the past eleven months are encouraging for some kind of a change. The November statement forces the total up to over $888,000,000, which means a gain of $150,000,000 over the same months last year. The practical meaning of this is that we are selling more than we are buying. We are getting more money from other people than they are getting from us. What is true of a nation is also true of an individual. If an individual is producing more than he can consume and is able to find a buyer for what he does not want he ought to be prosperous to that extent. He is unfortunate indeed if he is not able to produce either from the soil or through manufacturing all that he needs for then he becomes a buyer, and having had nothing to sell, the chances are that he has no money wherewith to buy. Under these figures let the present tariff rest awhile or be amended only in those particulars which absolutely require it the most. Changes are always necessary, but the principle of a tariff can never be changed.

That little island, near our southern shores, 700 miles long and 60 miles wide, is the scene of murder, rapine and death. Cruel war has hold of the island and red carnage hold full sway. This state of affairs has existed for many years. It shows that the mother country, Spain, is weak not only unable to conquer and hold the island but incapacitated to rule it with justice even were the rebellion ended. She has long since shown her inability to rule the island. Her government at home is weak. Her resources have been overtaxed and she no longer rates as one of the great powers. Her cruel treatment of her subjects on the island of Cuba ought to be made to cease. The United States is so situated that she is more interested than any other nation. Until we recognize Cuba's independence, we are really helping Spain, for she can come into our ports, buy provisions, guns, ammunition or hire men to go and fight against Cuba; but the latter cannot lawfully got an ounce of powder from us. No American citizen has a right now to volunteer to aid the Cuban patriots. Our government patrols the seas adjacent to Cuba and turns back every American vessel which undertakes to carry aid to Cuba. This ought not to be so. It is no longer an insurrection but a struggle for liberty. On the part of Spain it is now an effort to murder the patriots without granting them the rights of civilized warfare. It is plainly the duty of this great nation to interfere. The island should no longer be under Spanish dominion. The United States senate has already taken up the matter, and after the holiday adjournment it will likely be pushed. A measure recognizing Cuba will pass the senate and we believe the house, too, and be signed by President Cleveland. Will this bring on war with Spain? We doubt it, if she has her senses. She would certainly fail. She could not successfully cope with this great country and she certainly knows it, but if she don't, let us recognize Cuba, and then if Spain must fight she can find out that a country that can't conquer a small island has no business to tackle a mighty nation stretching from sea to sea and comprising more wealth and men than all Europe could send against us. We don't want to see war, but if it be necessary in order that Cuba be free, then let war come.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials.
Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Piles! Piles! Piles!

Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure blind, bleeding, ulcerated and itching piles. It absorbs the tumors, allays the itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared only for piles and itching of the private parts, and nothing else. Every box is guaranteed. Sold by druggists, sent by mail, for 50 cents and $1.00 per box. Sold by Win Nye. Williams Manufacturing Co., proprietors, Cleveland, O.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for rheumatism and neuraglia radically cures in one to three days. Its action upon tthe system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits; 75 cents. Sold by Whittaker & company, druggists, Portsmouth, O., corner Second and Court streets.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St. San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Cold, Free trial bottles at Fisher & Streich's drugstore. Regular size 50c. and $1.00.

Homeseekers.

On Jan. 5th, 19th, and Feb. 2nd and 16th, the Ohio Southern railroad will have on sale at all stations Home Seekers' excursion Tickets to all points South, Southwest and West, at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be limited, good to return twenty-one days from date of sale. Call on Ohio Southern agents for full particulars regarding stop-off privilege routes and rates, or address
F. E. FISHER, G. P. A.,
Springfield, O.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call at Amanns' pharmacies and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

Nerves

Are the Messengers of Sense,—the Telegraph System of the human body.

Nerves extend from the brain to every part of the body and reach every organ.

Nerves are like fire—good servants but hard masters.

Nerves are fed by the blood and are therefore like it in character.

Nerves will be weak and exhausted if the blood is thin, pale and impure.

Nerves will surely be strong and steady if the blood is rich, red and vigorous.

Nerves find a true friend in Hood's Sarsaparilla because it makes rich, red blood.

Nerves do their work naturally and well,—the brain is unclouded, there are no neuralgic pains, appetite and digestion are good, when you take

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. $1. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills the best family cathartic and liver stimulant. 25c.

YULE TIDE IS HERE.

Do not put off your Xmas Shopping until everything is picked over. We are showing an immense assortment of . . . . . .

DOLLS, TOYS and GAMES.

The children can be made happy for a little cost. Good time to choose now. Bisque Dolls, Kid Body Dolls, Dressed Dolls, Sailor Dolls, Negro Dolls, Brownie Dolls, Rubber Dolls, China Dolls, Celluloid Balls, Red Rubber Balls, White Rubber Balls, Trumpets, Orange Balls, Rattles, Blocks, Games, Toys without number.

BOOKS.

We are showing 500 standard works, such as you pay 25c for, our price only 10c.

200 elegantly bound books, regular price 50c, our price 17c. Books, Children's standard stories, 2½c each.

UMBRELLAS.

Over 200 different styles, all the latest handles at very low prices. What could make a nicer present for lady or gentleman.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Thousands of them from 2c up to the finest.

FANCY ARTICLES.

A bewildering display, Perfume Atomizers, Cut Glass Vases, Puff Boxes, Pocket Books, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Glove and Handkerchief Cases, Aprons, Shopping Bags, etc., etc.,

CONNOLLEY'S STORE.

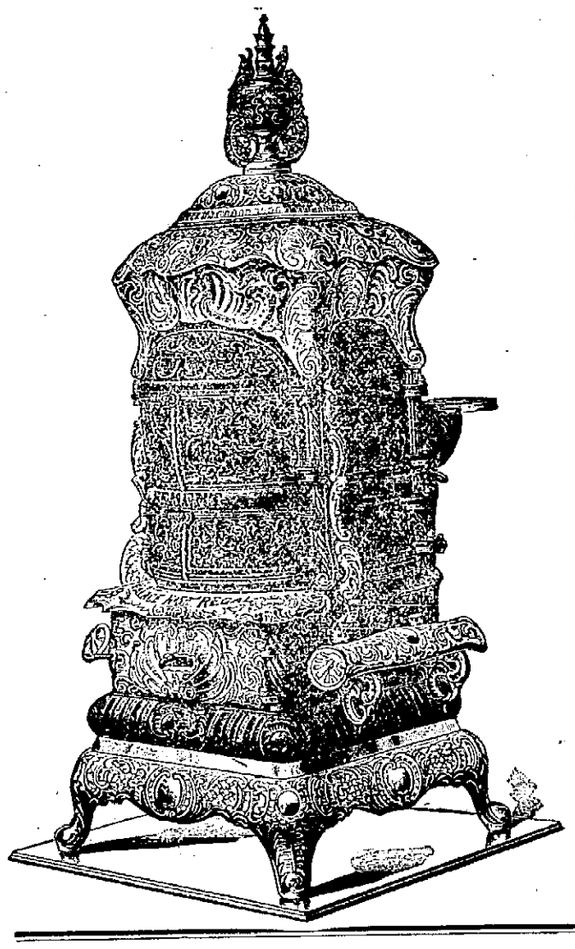
YOU CAN

Find the Tie you want for Xmas in our cases.

It will be to your advantage to see our Holiday line of Gent's Furnishings before buying. Everything new and strictly up-to-date. If anything is not satisfactory it can be exchanged after Xmas.

E. A. JOHNSON,

104 West Second St.



PALACE REGAL.

This heater is the best made. The flues are so arranged that the hot air and smoke are exposed for a longer time to a greater surface than in any other similar stove. We also have all other kinds of heaters.

MODEL STEEL RANGE

This is the acme of perfection in a range. Make your wife a present of one New Years. We handle many other ranges and cook stoves.

STORK & HOPKINS.

It Is An Easy Matter

To make statements but more difficult to prove them. We wish to make one, and that is that our line of Holiday Goods are all up-to-date in quality, variety and prices. An invitation is extended to our friends to call and examine our stock, and prove to themselves that our statements do not consist merely of paper and printers ink, but of facts. There will be no trouble to suit everybody.

FISHER & STREICH,

Opposite Postoffice.

Wellsbach Incandescent Gas Burners

WILL REDUCE YOUR GAS BILL ONE HALF . . . . . .

And at the same time more than double your candle power. We hold ourselves responsible for this statement.

The PORTSMOUTH GAS and ELECTRIC COMPANY.

THE ARLINGTON HOTEL.

FRED RIDER, Proprietor.

. RATE .

$1 PER DAY.

Restaurant Connected. Good Meals and Beds at All Hours.

154 West Second Street, Just Below Market.

We have without a doubt the finest line of

Holiday Goods

And an inspection will convince anyone. The line includes Toilet Sets, Perfume Atomizers and Perfumes.

Amann's Gallia St. Pharmacy

28 GALLIA ST.

PALACE RESTAURANT.

First Class Meals at All Hours.

Finely Appointed Bar Connected.

GEORGE FRESHEL, Prop. 115 West Second Street

Hot Water

Steam and Gas Fitting. Work done promptly and satisfaction guaranteed.

Wm. Burt.

JAMES S. THOMAS

Attorney-at-Law,

126 West Second St

Groceries

Will Make Money

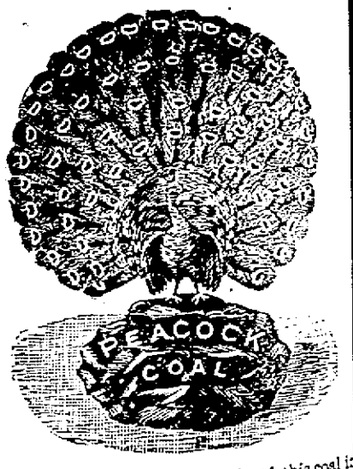
By getting their Butter, Eggs, Cheese, Meats, Sausages, Tropical and Domestic Fruits, Condiments and the like, at the

Portsmouth Supply House

You are cordially invited to call and see our goods and get prices.

Everybody Saves Money

By patronizing this house. 138 West Second St. Telephone 260.



J. M. Stockham has the sale of this coal in Portsmouth. PEACOCK COAL CO.

FREE CURE FOR MEN.

A Michigan Man Offers to Send His Discovery Free.

Claims to Be a Benefacter to Weakened Mankind.

There is always more or less suspicion attached to anything that is offered free, but sometimes a man so overflows with generosity that he cannot rest until his discovery is known to the world, in order that his fellowmen may profit by what he has discovered. It is upon this principal that a resident of Kalamazoo, Mich., desires to send free to mankind a prescription which will cure them of any form of nervous debility, relieves them of all the doubt and uncertainity which such men are peculiarly liable to and restores their organs to natural size and vigor. As it costs nothing to try the experiment it would seem that any man, suffering with the nervous trouble that usually attack men who never stopped to realize what might be the final result, ought to be deeply interested in a remedy which will restore them to health, strength and vigor, without which they continue to live an existence of untold misery. As the remedy in question was the result of many years research as to what combination would be peculiarly effective in restoring to men the strength they need, it would seem that all men suffering with any form of nervous weakness ought to write for such a remedy at once. A request to H. C. Olds, Box 1,650, Kalamazoo, Mich., stating that you are not sending for the prescription out of idle curiosity, but that you wish to make use of the medicine by giving it a trial, will be answered promply and without evidence as to where information came from.

The prescription is sent free, and although some may wonder how Mr. Olds can afford to give away his discovery, there is no doubt about the offer being genuine. Cut this out and send to Mr. Olds so that he may know how you came to write him.

"There Are Others."

Who can do work, but there are none who can do better work than

Cuppett & Webb,

Front Street.

They have everything in the line of building material, such as lumber, lath, shingles, etc., etc.

Porches, Verandas,

And such work done in the most artistic manner.

See Them.

The Hat She Wore

Upon her shapely head added to her comely features because it was chosen and trimmed to suit her style. It

Was a Perfect Gem

Costly fabrics and elegant trimmings are thrown away unless the milliner has taste. If you want the best so used as to make the best appearance, go to

Miss Emma Zottman

For your millinery and you will never be disappointed.

Health and Vigor

Baths Give Both

Why go to sanitariums for bathing, when you can remain at home and get all the benefits of the best health resorts at . .

"THE KERNEL"

For Sale.

Three four room cottages on Findlay street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets. The finest in the city, cement walks all around the house, cellars and outhouses convenient. Water works and gas if preferred.

Cheap For Cash.

Apply at 1316 Findlay street.

CHURCH SERVICES.

All Saints.

Corner Fourth and Court streets, Rev. Dallas Tucker, rector. Residence 63 West Fourth street. Services Sundays at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m., and Wednesdays at 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 9:00 a. m. Young men's meeting at 6:00 p. m. East End Chapel, Monroe street,—Sunday school at 3:00 p. m. Service and preaching first and third Sundays at 3:00 p. m., and Thursday nights at 7:00 p. m. All are cordially invited. The rector will be glad to meet you after any service or at his home.

Christ Episcopal.

Third and Bond streets, Rev. Alfred R. Taylor, rector. Services on Sunday as follows: Sunday School at 9 a.m. Morning prayer, litany and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 7 p. m. standard time. All are cordially invited.

First Presbyterian.

Southwest corner of Third and Court streets, Rev. D. S. Tappan, D. D., rector, Dr. C. P. Dennis, Sunday school superintendent. Sabbath school at 8:45 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning subject, "The Life a Whisper." At evening service this congregation will unite with that of Bigelow M. Church, the meeting to be held at the Bigelow. Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p. m. The Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:00 p. m. A very cordial invitation to attend all these services is extended to everybody.

Second Presbyterian.

Rev. B. Alderson, pastor. Subject of Sunday's sermons as follows. For morning subject, "Gold and Silver or the Divine Claim to Money." Evening subject "I Bring You Good Tidings of Great Joy".

German Presbyterian,

Corner Seventh and Chillicothe streets, J. A. Toensmeier, pastor. Sunday school at 8:30 a m, Mr. Adam Young superintendent. Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m., Miss Mame Brandel leader. German service at 10 a. m. English service at 7 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Bigelow M. E.

The morning service is the quarterly meeting occasion. Rev. W. F. Filler, presiding elder, will preach and administer the Lord's supper. His subject is "A Revival Is It Desirable? How Can It Be Secured?' Mrs. Hutchins will sing. The choir will render an anthem, sand chant "Te Sanctus and Gloria in Excelsis". At night the First Presbyterian congregation, will join in the service. Rev. D. S. Tappan, D. D. will preach on "Taking His Garments, But Rufusing His Grace." The special musical anthems are an anthem by Bigelow choir, quartet, Messrs. Hibbs; Black, Martin and Schwartz; offertory, "Bethlehem," by Mrs. Hutchins, and the Hallelujah chorus by Presbyterian choir.

Sixth Street M. E.

All services tomorrow (Sunday) will be held at Kendall's building, corner of Chillicothe and Seventh streets. Sabbath school at 9 a. m.; morning service at 10:30; Junior League at 2:30 p. m.; Epworth League at 6; people's service at 7. The pastor, Rev. Thomas S. Robjent, will preach morning and evening, his subject being—morning, "The Cradle of a God"; evening, "Our American Girls; Their Faults and Ideals." A choice program of special Christmas music will be rendered on this occasion. A hearty welcome to all. Strangers are requested to attend not later than 6:50 to secure seats.

First Baptist.

There will be the usual services tomorrow morning and evening. Rev. J. A. Snodgrass will preach. Sunday school at 9 a. m., Allen B. Cook, Supt. Junior Union at 2:30 p. m., Miss Ludie Morris, Supt. Morning subject, "The Cross." Evening, "The Revival the Community and the Country Need." B. Y. P. U. meeting Monday evening. Everybody is invited to attend all these services, and especially strangers in the city. Teachers meeting and normal study this evening at 7 o'clock.

Morris Chapel.

Rev. J. A. Snodgrass will preach in Morris chapel, West Side, tomorrow afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, a special service. Meetings will beheld this week.

Christian.

Corner of Third and Gay streets, W. A. Harp, pastor. Sunday school at 9 a. m. Junior Endeavor at 2:30 p. m., Senior Endeavor at 6:00 p. m. Regular services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m., standard time. Sermons by Rev. G. Hertzog, from Hiram College. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Christmas at Christ Church.

The Sunday school celebration at Christ church was held on Christmas eve, and a beautiful tree, wellfilled with presents for the children, greeted the eyes of visitors and scholars. An interestng program of carols, recitations, and an address by the rector was greatly enjoyed. The church edifice was fragrant with flowers and holly, and an interesting service was held on Christmas day at 10:30a. m.

No

Nicer or more practical present to a friend who likes a first-class quality of beer than a dozen of the beer brewed by our home brewery. Send your order and your friend shall be supplied.

Thursday Evening's Fire.

A small blaze in the roof of Conroy's saloon, corner of Eighth and Chillicothe streets, called out the department Thursday evening at half-past six. The alarm was sent in from box 41. The fire caught from the flue. A small hole was burned in the roof. The fire was extinguished by a bucket of water.

FOOTLIGHT FLASHES.

The Holden Comedy company will be at the Grand next week—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and also in matinee Wednesday afternoon. Prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Morgan Gibney is the leading actor with the Holden Comedy company. He is America's favorite character actor. He is known here, having visited this city and won our show-goers by his clever acting with the Gibney, Gordon and Gibney show.

M. H. Harriman, business manager of the Holden Comedy company, is at Ironton, where the show plays after their engagement here. Mr. Harriman is a first-class manager. He knows how to steer clear of the jagged rocks of theatrical ship-wreck.

The Holden Comedy company are delighting Chillicothe people this week. They are drawing big houses. The Chillicothe papers highly praise them.

Sam Spedden, the sweet singer, is with the Holden Comedy company. He was here with the Gibney, Gordon and Gibney attraction. His sweet songs on that occasion still ring in the ears of local show-goers. See and hear him next week at the Grand.

"Love and Law," a beautiful society drama, will be put on by the Holden Comedy company Monday night. Morgan Gibney will portray the part of a lawyer. He is great in this role. Don't miss seeing him.

Ladies free tickets will be distributed by the Holden Comedy company for Monday night. Be sure and get hold of them. They will save you thirty cents.

A feature of the Holden Comedy company will be the magniscope, which, like the vitascope, throws moving pictures. This will be seen between acts. Prices 10, 20 and 30 cents.

New Year's eve the Cincinnati Mandolin and Glee club will render a program of rare excellence at the Grand. Don't stay away. Let everybody arrange to go.

Edison's Vitascope and Comedy company will be here January 1st and 2nd. Matinee and night performances will be given.

Master John Minnego has taken the sweetmeat privilege at the Grand, and between acts sells pop-corn fritters, a very whoesome morsel that conditions partakers for the play as it whirls on.

The New Year's eve attraction at the Grand will be one of sweetest music. It will have the tone and touch of refinement. Reference is had to the Cincinnati Mandolin and Glee club that was here last year under the auspices of Christ church. The prices will be 50 cents downstairs or in the balcony. Gallery seats, 25 cents.

For a Vacation.

Graham's Business college closes its fall term today. Will open for the winter term Monday, January 4th, 1897. All who are thinking of taking a business or shorthand course will do well by seeing the principal, W. R. Graham, before the opening of the term. 23-4

Many Thanks.

We desire to acknowledge the receipt of a case of Portsmouth beer from our friend, J. Esselborn, of the Portsmouth Brewing and Ice company. It reached us the day before Christmas, but in the rush of business we neglected to mention it. We have sampled the goods, and in this one thing agree with Bro. Hard. It cannot be beat, and when we do drink beer, it is always Portsmouth beer.

BY HIS FRIEND,

Merchant Shot to Death Simply Because He Interfered.

LAGRANGE, Ga., Dec. 26.—Claude Dunson, one of the most prominent business men of this town, was shot down and almost instantly killed on the public square here, his slayer being a man who has for years been his friend. Douglass Cooper, who manages the store for his father, quarreled with a Negro who had made some purchases and kicked upon the change he got. The Negro was drunk. Cooper followed him across the square and was about to shoot him, when Dunson remonstrated. This angered Cooper, who deliberately shot Dunson to death. Cooper made his escape.

Illinois Miners Strike.

MASCOUTAH, Ill., Dec. 26.—About half of the 4,000 miners employed in the coal mines of St. Clair and Madison counties have struck for higher wages. The mines affected are the Humboldt, Donck, Nicholl, Staunton, Skellett, Yock, Belleville and Glen Carbon. The men claim they have been working half time and not making living wages. They also claim that while there has been a strong advance in prices for coal in the market there has been none in the payment of wages.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains. Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Fisher & Streich. Drug Store.

Constipation is the cause of all sorts of serious disorders of the blood. Strong cathartics are worse than useless. Burdock Blood Bitters is nature's own remedy for troubles of this sort.

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CORDUROY

FOR LADIES' WEAR.

Good quality Corduroy, 21 inches wide, in desirable shades, dark green, brown, navy and garnet, 65c a yard.

Down Pillows

Just received. Three sizes, 18, 20 and 22 inches long. Prices 45c, 60c and 75c each.

Covers

For Down Pillows, made of Denim. Some finished with ruffle, others with cord and narrow braid, others made of Crepon goods with silk ruffle. Prices 30c, 50c and 55c each.

Fine Linen Towels

Selecting and buying very easy with our varied assortment of styles, sizes and prices. Notice a few specials.

Red Bordered Fringed Towels, 18x36 ..... 12½c each
Hemstitched Damask Towels, 17x30 ..... 15c each
Colored Border Damask Towels, 21x45 ..... 20c each
Colored Border Damask Towels, knotted fringe, 22x36... 25c each
Besides an elegant line of very fine quality Damask Towels at ..... 35, 40 and 50c each
See our Fringed Linen Scarfings at ..... 15, 20 and 25c yard
Also Fancy Scrim, plain and colored borders..... 20 and 25c yard

MARTING BROS. & CO.

NO-TO-BAC GUARANTEED TOBACCO HABIT CURE

Over 1,000,000 boxes sold. 500,000 cures prove its power to destroy the desire for tobacco in any form. No-to-bac is the greatest nerve-food in the world. Many gain 10 pounds in 10 days and it never fails to make the weak impotent man strong, vigorous and magnetic. Just try a box. You will be delighted. We expect you to believe what we say, for a cure is absolutely guaranteed by druggists everywhere. Send for our booklet "Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away," written guarantee and free sample. Address THE STERLING REMEDY CO., Chicago or New York. 123

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Sem Annual Clearance .....Sale

OF TAILORING GOODS.

IN ACCOUNT of the accumulation of odds and ends and the constant change in novelties, we will from now until the first of January, 1897, make to order Suits and Overcoats at prices never heard of before considering the quality of the stock and the grade of work done.

Suits and Overcoats
For $20.00.
Former Prices $22.50 to $30.00.

Pants
For $5.00.
Former Price $7.50 to $10.00.

WE MAKE these reductions only for a short time, in order to dispose of our fall stock of goods and make room for Spring Goods. We have many short ends of trouserings which we can make up for men of medium height, and the price, $5.00, can not be duplicated. Come in, inspect the goods, and you will recognize the advantage of patronizing us.

Haas, Schwartz & Co.

Lumber, Laths, Shingles

At Lowest Prices.
Send in Your Orders.
Corner Washington and Ninth Streets.

H. LEET & CO.

Special Bargains In Untrimmed Hats.

Untrimmed Felt Shapes that have always sold for $1.00,

Choice for 25c.

I have a few of these left and will close them out.

A Fine Line Of Millinery

At unusually low prices.

MRS. L. C. BOLUSS,

Chillicothe Street.

Don't Look Here

Unless you want to know where to go to find some of the greatest Bargains in Pure Candies, Nuts, Fruits, etc., and for the best place to buy your groceries, if you wish to know, then go to

JOS. H. LANGE'S,

Fancy Grocer. Gay and Gallia.

Stop There!

If you are looking for the finest and best there is in the market

Go no Further.

You will find everthing that was ever found in a first class meat market, at the store of

Brandau & Rueppel,

John Street.

Do You Know the Difference

Between first class or inferior laundry work? If you only knew the difference

It Makes in the Appearance.

If you do not, take your laundry to the

THE PORTSMOUTH STEAM LAUNDRY

And you will be convinced as to what first class work is.

There is None Better,

As thousands of people will testify.

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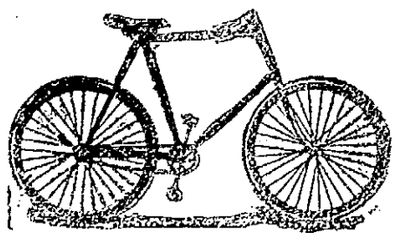

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Red Cross Rubber Vulcanizer, the latest and best method of mending or welding cut or broken rubber tires, A full line of wood rims on hand. Will place them on wheels at bottom prices.

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A General Banking Business.

Our resources and special facilities enable us to receive on favorable terms accounts of individuals, firms and corporations.
United States Bonds and other First-Class Investment Securities dealt in.
Special attention given to collections.

Wright's Celery Tea regulates the liver and kidneys, cures constipation and sick headache. 25c at all druggists.

REMEMBER OUR GUESSING CONTEST CONTINUES UNTIL

$200 Given Away

....JANUARY 1st, 1897....

$200 Given Away

We will also continue to give 10 per cent off on all our **Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing** until New Year's Day. Every cash purchase entitles you to a guess on the Jar of Marbles.

Have you seen those White Hats? We have them $2.00.

J. EISMAN & CO.,

The BIG STORE With the Little Prices.

The latest novelty is the White Hat. Price $2.00.

MOSES' LARK.

He Elopes With Cousin Victory and a Sad Story Follows.

Ran Away From Their Olive Hill, Ky., Papas and Mamas and Stay Up All Night, Trying to Get Married and Then Fail—Bill Maxfield as a Matrimonial Agent.

Moses met Victory; they eloped, and both met defeat. Her name was Kizer, and his name was Kizer. They were first cousins. He was 22, and she barely past 16. Both were young for their age. It is the same old story of a runaway lovers, who came to Portsmouth for the purpose of matrimony. She wore a red dress and carried a half pound box of face powder in her hand. Her face was well daubed with the bloom of youth, and when she smiled the flakes tumbled off her cheek and fell like snow on his pepper and salt vest. They loved.

They came up on the C. & O accommodation to South Portsmouth at seven o'clock Christmas evening. They got lost in trying to find the ferry and for four hours wandered up and down the river bank in the cold hunting the ferry boat. They found it when the midnight train was due and the boat made her regular trip. They went to the Legler House. Bill Maxfield, the colored porter, was taken into Moses' confidence, and leaving the shivering girl to thaw out, with Bill as guide, the simple Moses started out to hunt up a preacher or squire. Bob didn't know where they lived. Secretively, he learned where Mayor Row lived, and at three o'clock this morning His Honor was roused from his slumber by a knock at his door. Bob explained that the couple wanted to be married right away so that they could get out of town before daylight. As they did not have a license, the ceremony had to be postponed. At the probate office the twain encountered a complete knock-out blow. Deputy Auditor Shumway found they were first cousins, and the prospective bride only 16 years old. Moses hunted his friend Bill up again. "'Squire Hall will marry you, anyhow," said Bill, and they started for his office. The bride went along this time. The 'squire knew at a glance what they wanted, and, without asking questions he started off with them to the court house. He did not learn anything until they got to Fourth street. Moses exposed the whole thing, and the squire deserted them in a hurry, leaving with them a good chunk of advice.

Completely disheartened, the couple gave up in despair. Bill could help them no more, and returning to the Legler House, they paid their hotel bill and crossed over to Kentucky. They waited five hours in the depot. They left on the evening train for Stone City, where they left their horses last night. The would-be bride gave Bill the remainder of the box of face powder in recognition of his kindness toward her.

Lehman's still have a good variety of shoes and slippers to select from, notwithstanding the large business they had in the past week.

Gone to Pennsylvania.

J. A. Davis, of Otway, left Thursday evening for Western Pennsylvania, where he will spend the holidays visiting relatives. He will have the pleasure of seeing a sister for the first time, though he is between forty or fifty years old. Not many persons can say as much. Upon his return, he will go to spend the winter with his wife, at Fort Odgen, De Soto county, Florida. Mrs. Davis has been in Florida for some time for her health, and if the climate proves beneficial, Mr. Davis may make it his future home. He still retains his farm in this county and will still hold this as his home. We hope he may again take up his residence among us.

Just received a new lot of calf, enamel and tan Russia calf, in the new toes. KENDALL SHOE CO.

Handsomely Remembered.

The students of the River City Business college presented Prof. G. W. Moothart with a beautiful picture, handsomely framed, and Prof. W. D. Clark with an elegant watch charm as Christmas presents.

You should see the elegant silver-plated ware at J. C. Hibbs & Co's. It cannot be beat, and the price—well, call and see about it.

No need to suffer with rheumatism, lumbago, neuralgia, cramps or colic. Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil cures all such troubles, and does it quickly.

AT ALL SAINTS CHAPEL

Fine Musical Program in the Morning and Children's Service in the Evening.

The music at the Christmas morning service at All Saints church was unusually fine. Besides the several beautiful hymns and chants, a very pretty offertory was sung, "Glory to God in the Highest," and Kotzschmer Te Deum and the Gloria from Mozart's Twelfth Mass were excellently rendered. This music will be repeated at the morning service tomorrow.

The program at the children's service in the evening was a very enjoyable one. The Sunday school pupils sang the carols very sweetly and there were several beautiful selections by a selected choir of sixteen voices. There was the usual presentation of prizes and after the service in the church a visit from Santa Claus and a delightful treat for the children in the chapel.

POLICE COURT.

His Honor, as Santa Claus, Hands Out Several Presents.

Quiet Christmas Day Generally Throughout the City—Two Little Disturbances in the First Ward—Some Rural Gentlemen Fall by the Wayside—Patrol Makes Several Runs.

His Honor distributed several Christmas presents among the guests of 'Squire Burton this morning. Most of them got in late Christmas day, and some forgot to hang up a stocking. Seven hobos receive no remembrance of the day, beyond the simple recognition on the register that they were lodgers Christmas night. The others were remembered. It was $3 and costs to them.

The First ward furnished the two fights of the day. In the old Beagle house on Front stret, in a hall called a club room, a party of half a dozen congenial mill men gathered to drink a keg of Excelsior. As the keg emptied, they grew boisterous, and the neighborhood was aroused by their merry-making. Policeman Harding took down the names of the leading spirits in the brawl, and warrants charging disorderly conduct were sworn out against Wm. Brennan, Jas. Day and a fellow named Kimball. Brennan was locked up last night and fined $2 and costs today. The others have not been arrested.

Valentine Prestenbach, of 111 Madison street, dreamed that his step-son, Henry Kuntz, wanted to fight him. He awoke and found Henry ready for a scrap. He knocked him out with a stick of stove wood. He explained in mayor's court this morning: "I love my wife, I do, all over; but that boy, I have more trouble with. I could tell you a book as high as me. He comes on my premises. I don't want him. He does dirty things." The mayor fined both $2 and costs.

Of drunks, there were not a few, out all were harmless. There was a Angel—Joe by name—and a Birdie, known as Nelson in the cage. Ben Johnson, the Barden stone cutter, registered under protest. Wes. Arnold, the West Side man who was so badly cut up in a fight on the Scioto bridge the night before election, was the soberest man in a West Side gang the police locked up. Roy Carter, a simple Kentuckian, was allowed to go free this morning. He was not held responsible for his actions. Henry Bland, West Sider, and Alex. Davis were the last of the drunks.

No. 94

Is the telephone call of The Portsmouth Brewing and Ice company. Just call them up and order a dozen of their brew for the holidays.

WANT COLUMN.

FOR RENT—Furnished room suitable for one or two gentlemen. Inquire at 65 West Front street, between Court and Washington.

FOR RENT—A nicely furnished room suitable for two gentlemen. Inquire at 137 West Sixth street.

LOST—Pocketbook, containing ninety-five cents. Was lost between Warner's grocery and corner of Bond and Gallia. Finder please leave at Times office.

WANTED—Property to rent or sell. Willis & Ramsey. 24-6t

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A Coal Vase,

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Silk Mufflers 50c, 75c, $1, $1.50 Some, very nice, 25c and 35c.

Men's black Alpine hats, the kind you pay $1, $1.25 for, our price 69c.

Men's fine black and brown Alpine hats $1, $1.25, $1.50, $2.

75c laundered shirts, collars and cuffs attached, 50c.

Men's black stiff hats, $1, $1.50, $2, and $2.50.

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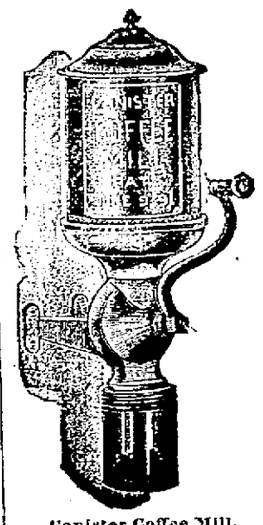

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2 two story bricks, 8 and 10 room houses, West Fourth street near Washington street.
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11,556 PINS

That Number in the Words "Heer Bros. The Clothiers."

Christmas Distribution of $200 in Gold for Good Guessing—C. Roth of McGaw, Guesses Within Four of the Correct Number and Gets $100—23400 Guesses.

Nearly 13,000 people registered guesses on the number of pins in the sign in Heer Bros.' (the clothiers) window. Of all these guessers, the nearest was within four of the correct number. The exact number of pins was 11,556, and the good guessers who drew the $200 in gold were:

First, $100.—C. Roth, McGraw P. O., Scioto county; guess 11,560, made December 21st.

Second, $50.—Frank Mannix, city; guess 11,560, made December 22nd.

Third, $25.—Chas. Knost, city; guess 11,567, made December 3rd.

Fourth, $15.—Mrs. Mary Frowein Gallia steet, city; guess 11,567.

Fifth, $10.—D. J. Edwards, city; guess 11,568, made December 22nd.

The guessing was much more spirited this year than last, the number of guesses registered being far in excess of those last year. The two nearest guesses were made this week, Mr. Roth's guess being recorded one day ahead of Mr. Mannix's. The guessers, as a rule, had their figures too high. Less than a hundred registered their guesses within a thousand of the correct number. The highest guess made was two million and the lowest 150.

All manner of ways were tried by the guessers to insure their getting some of the prize money. As in every instance heretofore, those sure-thing guessers were the farthest away from the money. There were twenty letters and two periods in the words, and some pretty calculations were made on the average number of pins in each letter. Two or three actually claim to have counted the pins in the letter I. The lucky guesses were not calculated.

The following newspaper men were selected to do the counting and award the prizes: J. F. Strayer, of the Blade; John Warheit, Correspondent; L. M. Mann, Press, and Chas. A. Goddard, Jr., Times. The task occupied three hours, about half the time being taken up in the count and an hour or so in looking over the 12,400 guesses for the prize-winners. The pins were piled up in a plate and there was over half a gallon of them.

Messrs. Heer are particularly well pleased with the result of the contest. This practice of giving away $200 in gold to their customers every Christmas was inaugurated some three years ago. It grows more successful each year, and this year was a record-breaker. The number of guesses reached gives one a fair idea of the mammoth holiday trade of this popular house.

The prizes last year went to W. C. Brouse, the West Side dairyman, whose exact guess of 4,799 won the $100 prize. W. J. Bennett, city, also guessed correctly, but later than Mr. Brouse and took the $50 in gold. W. P. Marsh, Lucasville, got $25, and Sam Levi, city, $15.

It is a wringer—we mean that clothes-wringer at J. C. Hibbs & Co's. It is the best in the market. Call and see it.

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The manufacturers of the Crescent bicycle made Alex Glockner a present of one of the finest Crescents that are built. Alex is justly proud of the remembrance, but will transfer the beauty to anyone for $50.

Advancement.

"It beats all how that boy of mine is getting on at school."

"Making progress, is he?"

"Progress! Why, say, he's just chiseled his way through the realms of knowledge."

"Indeed?"

"You bet!. Had to buy him $26 worth of new books this term."—Chicago Journal.

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Jno. W. Mahan, Huntington.
C. G. Randall, Mansfield.

ARLINGTON.

F. M. Dunham, Edgarton, W. Va.
F. D. Beard, Fire Brick, Ky.
A. Copenhaver, Fire Brick, Ky.
J. K. Nolder, Friendship.

LEGLER HOUSE.

Mose Kizer, "Wanter Git Married" Kentucky.
Victory Kizer, "Wanter Git Married" Kentucky.
A. L. Field, Cincinnati.
Adam Adloff, Adams, Ky.

The Candid Little Boy.

"Now, Johnnie, what is the meaning of the word hypocrisy?" asked a Texas teacher of her favorite pupil, Johnnie Chaffie.

"I can't explain what it is, but I know, just the same."

"Give me an example of hypocrisy."

"When a fellow says he loves his teacher — that's hypocrisy." — Texas Sifter.

Western Hospitality.

Mrs. Gotham—Did you find the western people as hospitable as they are reported to be, Mr. Travelle?

Returned Tourist—Yes, indeed. All the leading citizens took me right into their hearts, invited me to dinner, introduced me to their families, and sold me corner lots.—N. Y. Weekly.

His Parting Shot.

He had proposed, and been rejected.

"Very well," he said, coldly; "there will come a time when your treatment of me will be regretted."

"I shall never regret it," she replied.

"Oh, I don't mean you," he murmured, hoarsely. "I refer to the man you finally accept."—Tit-Bits.

Dear Absent Ones.

"I don't see what you women find to talk about at your literary circle," he sneered.

She gave him a pitying look. "You must remember, Henry, that all the members are never present at any one meeting."—N. Y. Press.

Nothing Whatever.

They were discussing astronomy, and she turned and inquired: "Has anything ever been found on Venus?"

"No," he replied, as his mind wandered into mythological fields; "not if we are to accept the current pictures of her."—Philadelphia North American.

His Custom.

The man who's always betting hats
Has need to win them, too,
In seven cases out of six,
To do his talking through.
—Detroit News.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

Mr. Cutecus—An insurance policy saved my life once.

Mr. Smiles—How was that?

Mr. Cutecus—By paying for it I avoided being talked to death by the agent.—Up-to-Date.

Pleasant Employment.

I'd like a job of one part work
And sixteen parts of resting,
I don't believe I'd ever shirk
The task of hammock-testing.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

After the Argument.

Tomson—Did you finally succeed in bringing Smith around to your way of thinking in your argument last night?

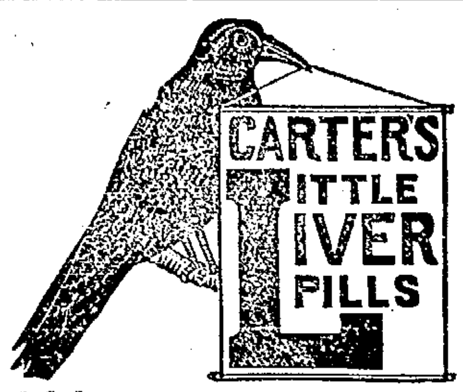
Jackson—Yes; but I expect, almost any moment, to be arrested for assault and battery.—Harlem Life.

Declared Off.

"I have a poem here," the caller said.

"And I have a rifle here," the editor interrupted, as he sprang toward a cabinet in one corner of the office.

Then the negotiations were declared off.—Cleveland Leader.



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Napkins,	Table Linens,	Lancaster Ginghams,
Stick Pins,	Men's Gloves,	Children's Headwear,
Suspenders,	Feather Boas,	Ribbons for fancy work,
Underwear,	Fancy Towels,	Handkerchiefs, an endless variety.
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A show the comedy of which is refined.

Preachers and Teachers Proclaim it Grand.

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Prices 15, 25, 35 and 50 Cents.

PACIFIC COAST.

War Vessels Making Preparations for an Emergency.

Mare Island Magazine Being Heavily Stocked With Ammunition.

Ordnance Department at Washington Will Supply 150,000 Rounds of Cartridges for Navy Revolvers—Will Be Distributed to Various War Vessels.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The war vessels upon this coast are preparing for an emergency. The magazines at Mare Island are being heavily stocked with ammunition, and there is a feeling of unrest among the officers of the navy.

During the week orders were received from the ordnance department at Washington, D. C., to supply Mare Island with 150,000 rounds of 38 caliber cartridges for navy revolvers. The ammunition will be landed at the navy yard, from which point it may be taken by the various war vessels among which it may be distributed.

That 150,000 rounds of revolver ammunition should be sent to Mare island at this time is considered more than a mere coincidence by men who are acquainted with the manner in which the navy department conducts its affairs. It is generally believed that it is the intention of the authorities at Washington to put all the depots of naval supplies upon what may be termed an emergency footing.

BOY KILLED

By an Electric Car at Chicago—The Motorman Roughly Handled by a Mob, Who Sought to Lynch Him.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—George Denmark, seven years of age, was run over and killed Friday afternoon by an electric car at Eighteenth and Throop streets. Within a few minutes 1,500 people gathered on the corner, and Fred Bernier, the motorman, was roughly handled. Bernier was accused of carelessness and the frenzied mob threatened to lynch him. They dragged him from the car and handled him in such a manner that he is now nourishing several severe bruises. A riot call was sounded and patrol wagons filled with officers soon arrived. Bernier was rescued from the hands of the mob and taken to the station, where he was locked up.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Two Oystermen Lose Their Lives Near Sandy Point, Md.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 26.—Levis H. James and John Branzell, oystermen of this city, were frozen to death Thursday. They left this city in a batteau for Magothy river. When near Sandy Point the little craft capsized. The men threw off their outer clothing and shoes and waded ashore, but the exertion was too much for James and he sank exhausted at the water's edge, where his body was found Friday. Branzell made his way in short sleeves and bare footed nearly a mile through the snow, but also succumbed to the severe weather, and when within a few hundred yards of Dr. Spranklin's house, which he was apparently seeking.

One Killed and Three Badly Wounded.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—A special from Acworth, Ga., says that one man was instantly killed and three desperately wounded, one fatally, there Thursday night. A party of young men were celebrating and they improvised a cannon from a piece of water pipe. It exploded, killing Alonzo Hansworth, colored; John Russell, colored, lost one leg and will die; Chas. Stegall, white, lost both eyes and was burned on the arms and body; Lowry Bogers' leg was blown off and he is in a critical condition.

Baltimore Saloonkeeper Murdered.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—Conrad Sommers, aged 41 years, a saloonkeeper at Gough and Third streets, Highlandtown, a suburb of this city, was shot and killed Friday by Nicholas White, 49 years old. Sommers playfully butted White with his head whereupon the latter drew a revolver and sent a bullet through his heart. White is in jail. Both men have large families.

Three Homicides in Savannah Christmas.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 26.—Three homicides are the result of Christmas in Savannah. One Negro shot another through the heart Friday morning killing him instantly; Wm. Titcomb, a white man, was fatally stabbed in a quarrel early Friday morning and died in a few hours, and Levi Rutledge, colored, was shot and killed by a policeman Friday night.

Thousands Dying of Starvation.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26.—Ex-Judge Goodridge has written a letter to the Englishman, a newspaper of this city, stating that every day thousands of persons are dying from starvation in the central provinces of India. He declares that the government arrangements to cope with the situation are entirely inadequate and that the famine is now beyond control.

A Lover Kills His Sweetheart.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—About noon Friday Elizabeth Meur, a young white woman, was killed by Benjamin Smith, her lover, at the home of Smith's parents, in North Augusta, S. C., a suburb of Augusta. Smith claims that the killing was accidental, though some believe it was murder. Though not married, they had one child.

Death of Col. Henry J. Lamar.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 26.—Col. Henry J. Lamar, aged 71, died in this city Friday morning, after being in feeble health for several years. The deceased was president of the Exchange bank, of this city, proprietor of large landed estates, and related to L. Q. C. Lamar and Gen. Mirabeau S. Lamar, of the Texas revolution.

Cooper Surrenders.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—A special from LaGrange says that W. D. Cooper, who killed Claude Dunson Thursday, has surrendered. Cooper claims that the shooting was accidental.

A WARNING.

European Powers Can Not Remain Impassive Should Uncle Sam Interfere in Cuban Affairs.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Times Saturday publishes a dispatch from Paris saying that the United States has been confidentially informed in the most friendly terms that the European powers could not remain impassive in the event of the United States abandoning the attitude of President Cleveland and his cabinet.

Should the United States presume to exercise pressure on Spain by recognizing the Cuban insurgents or encouraging them in their resistance, it has been informed that Europe generally might become uneasy at the idea of such an extension of international action by the United States, inasmuch as it might at a given moment threaten almost all the powers whose possessions are in proximity to the United States and might tempt the spirit of enterprise and encroachment that is inspiring the senate committee on foreign relations. "If," continues the writer, "I am correctly informed the United States has been concurrently informed that Germany is already quite prepared to side with Spain in the event of the United States showing that she is disposed officially to side with the rebels. Moreover, academic conversations are proceeding in certain foreign offices anent the measures the powers should take to form a syndicate against the invasion of socialism which is now menacing all political organizations. It was during these pour parless that the friendly warning to the United States originated, Senator Cameron's resolutions for the recognition of the Cuban insurgents being regarded in some quarters as revolutionary."

Coal Mine Discovered.

CHAGRIN FALLS, O., Dec. 26.—Considerable excitement prevails in Newburg township, east of this place, over the discovery of coal in paying quantities. An old mine that was worked years ago, and has yielded but little, has been developed, and a large vein of excellent quality found, the mine yielding big returns.

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ANNUAL REPORT

— OF —

THE COMMISSIONERS

Of Scioto County, Ohio,

— FOR THE —

Year Ending August 31, 1896.

COUNTY FUND.

Receipts—	
Taxes collected	$23,559 27
Sundry fines and costs	2,465 94
Advertising delinquent and forfeited lands	1,074 40
Forfeitures, bond of T. Herder	250 00
Fees, delinquent per. taxes	466 85
Interest on judgments	148 42
Unclaimed costs	657 45
Rent of armory, Co. H	200 00
Cigarette tax	121 80
Trans. from dog fund	700 00
Trans. from fee fund	495 97
Trans. from corp. fund	29 26
Temporary loans	12,500 00
Stenographer's fees	21 00
Total	$42,689 36
Overdrafts, Sept. 1, 1895	$3292 62
Expenditures—	
Abstracts, Indices to	586 85
Agriculture, Encouragement of—	
State Board of Agriculture	70 76
Harrisonville farmers' inst	23 45
Haverhill farmers' inst	20 75
Mt. Joy farmers' inst	24 20
Assessors, Personal Property—	
P. T. McLellan, Valley	46 00
A. Amburg, Wheelersburg	50 00
J. W. Newman, Harden	56 00
Chas. Porter, Jefferson	58 00
Thos. Brock, Sciotoville	58 00
Wm. H. Odle, Upper Nile	58 00
Edw. Davis, Vernon	58 00
Wm. Ray, Rush	60 00
T. A. Coburn, Harrison	62 00
F. L. Ketter, Bloom	64 00
P. G. Doll, Washington	64 00
Otto Kress, Lower Nile	64 00
O. F. Reynolds, Brush Creek	64 00
Milton Graff, Green	66 00
A. J. Miller, Union	66 00
Edw. Strickland, Morgan	66 00
Geo. Hacquard, First ward	70 00
Fred Stone, Fourth ward	74 00
Frank Parker, Sixth ward	74 00
Willis Calhoun, Second ward	76 00
Jas. H. Price, Fifth ward	76 00
W. T. Emmett, Third ward	76 00
John McCoy, Seventh ward	78 00
W. S. Lambert, Madison	78 00
Philip W. Noel, Clay	80 00
Atty's, defending prisoners	70 00
Auditor, Jos. T. Tracy—	
Salary, twelve months	1981 34
School statistics, 1895	120 00
Tax commission, clerk of	85 00
Appraising railroads	49 20
Tax lists, per. property	25 00
Clerk of courts, W. F. Whitney—	
Fees and allowances	774 31
Commissioners—	
H. C. Feurt	470 45
J. M. Stockham	458 15
J. W. Smith	443 65
J. C. Tracy, clerk	521 28
Examiners of report, 1895	66 00
Common pleas court—	
Jurors and witnesses	4375 30
Court constable	414 00
Bar dockets	183 00
Law library	88 50
Meals for jury	12 50
Coroners' Inquests—	
Coroner	129 25
Constable	54 05
Witnesses	61 65
Post mortem	65 00
Guard	4 00
Telegrams	1 32
Court house—	
Electric arc light	66 65
Freight, expressage, etc	99 35
Court circuit—	
Constables	38 00
Equalization, city board of—	
Salary of members	382 00
Messenger, L. Edwards	52 00
Mortgages, list of	10 00
Equalization, Co. board of—	
Salary of members	210 00
Int. on temporary loans	913 33
Justice's court—	
Justices	343 17
Constables	612 55
Witnesses	348 10
Militia, Co. H. O. N. G.—	
Rent of armory	200 00
Newspapers, files of	21 25
Physician, jail	40 00
Probate court, Geo. M. Osborn—	
Salary of judge	400 00
Fees of judge	405 65
Jurors and witnesses	213 26
Record births and deaths	113 54
Law library	39 00
Pros. attorney, Jno. C. Milner—	
Salary, fourteen months	825 44
Allowance, sec. 1274	600 00
Fines and costs collected	186 79
Publication—	
Commissioners' report	487 60
Delinquent land list	481 64
Forfeited land list	592 76
Rates of taxation	628 83
Treasury examinations	252 99
Proclamation of elections	108 00
Times of holding courts	135 62
Sunday notices	23 85
School examinations—	
H. Clay Lantz, examiner	197 75
John Warren, examiner	151 75
Frank Appel, examiner	149 50
Geo. W. Long, janitor	35 00
Stationery and printing	31 50
School treasurer's settlement	72 25
Sheriff, Jas. S. Rickey—	
Allowance, Common Pleas Court	300 00
Fees, Common Pleas Court	782 61
Fees, Probate Court	616 15
Boarding prisoners, etc	2589 76
Services before grand jury	296 69
Turnkey fees, ex-Sheriff Gustin	199 00
Expenses Vastine case	21 35
Selection of Jurors—	
Jury Commission	66 00
Soldiers' Relief Commission—	
Salary of members	141 00
Stationery—	
Auditor	231 88
Clerk of Courts	319 78
Commissioners	15 40
Probate Judge	332 00
Prosecuting Attorney	49 95
Recorder	355 60
Sheriff	227 45
Stenographer	15 32
Surveyor	37 75
Treasurer	192 23
Stenographer, J. A. Cleaver—	
Salary	450 96
Suits at law—	
Attorneys	85 00
Costs in court	20 12
Temporary Loans	5300 00
Taxes, collection of—	
Per. delinquent, collectors' fees	466 85
Realty delinquent, attorney's fees	180 22
Costs sundry tax suits	11 16
Transportation—	
Inmates Boys' Industrial School	43 35
Treasurer, W. C. Draper—	
Fees on warrants	164 28
Settlement State Treasurer	10 00
Treasury, examination of—	
Fees of Examiners	40 00
Watchman and Janitor—	
Salary of J. H. Scott	600 00
Work House, Cincinnati—	
Maintenance of prisoners	291 60
Unclaimed costs, Clerk of Courts	501 72
	46058 57
Balance Aug. 31, 1896	1739 79
Total	42689 36

INFIRMARY FUND.

Balance Sept. 1, 1895	5297 79
Receipts—	
Taxes collected	9816 33
Dow Law Tax	4548 03
Non-resident paupers	76 75
Monies deposited	134 00
Board, Miss Tracy	40 00
Sale of produce	86 55
Refunders, rents, etc	28 90
	20028 33
Expenditures—	
Salary of Infirmary Directors—	
J. P. Morrill, four months	122 50
Hiram Adams, eight months	85 25
Wm. R. McDaniel	182 50
Isaac Woodruff	308 50
Clothing, Scioto county inmates—	
Athens State Hospital	537 10
Girls' Industrial Home	108 61
Boys' Industrial School	201 35
Blind Institution	68 83
Deaf and Dumb Institution	37 38
Ohio Epileptic Hospital	47 15
County Jail	226 51
Burial of Indigent Soldiers	564 50
Burial of Paupers, Coroner	38 50
Interest on Temp. Loans	240 00
Medicine at county jail	54 35
Infirmary farm—	
Superintendent and matron	600 00
Labor	778 10
Groceries and provisions	1469 47
Clothing	598 32
Medical attendance	262 64
Liquors	43 30
Tobacco	36 70
Burial of Paupers	50 00
Repairs	400 45
Machinery	131 00
Live stock	138 80
Miscellaneous	793 30
Outside relief—	
Bloom township	373 36
Brush Creek township	217 00
Clay township	238 29
Green township	69 72
Harrison township	144 54
Jefferson township	70 63
Madison township	42 18
Morgan township	744 46
Nile township	344 95
Porter township	134 10
Harden township	162 55
Rush township	205 12
Union township	241 34
Valley township	66 26
Vernon township	65 83
Washington township	361 46
Portsmouth, City of	1251 67
Other counties	446 01
Total	13295 55
Balance Aug. 31, 1896	6732 78
	20028 33

BRIDGE FUND.

Balance Sept. 1, 1895	7716 30
Receipts—	
Taxes collected	6871 43
	14587 73
Expenditures—	
Repairs on roads and bridges—	
Otway and Wamsley's road	661 95
Henley and McCulloch road	193 63
Arnold and Higgins road	20 95
Harden and Mt. Joy	35 00
Lucasan road	212 03
Carey's Run road	299 75
Chaffin's Mills road	293 71
Junior	386 75
Ohio Furnace	170 35
Lucasville and Haverhill road	118 69
Dever road	5 00
Pool road	9 00
Bloom Furnace road	25 50
Hales Creek road	13 00
Gifford road	58 87
Waverly road	21 85
Miller's Run road	6 28
Blue Run road	1 25
Oertal road	31 50
Empire Furnace road	39 00
Pine Creek road	9 50
Hayport road	70 00
Robinson Avenue road	30 25
Catholic Cemetery and Cole road	1743 81
Smith bridge	31 03
Dickson's Mill bridge	697 91
Scioto Mills bridge	77 00
Mougey bridge	148 18
Martin Mills bridge	10 10
Poplar Fork bridge	216 46
Harrison Mills bridge	119 72
Location of roads	51 50
Coe Road Case	275 00
Repairs on grades	60 73
Interest on loans	183 31
Temp. loans cancelled	1100 00
Miscellaneous	80 00
Total	7450 86
Balance Aug. 31, 1896	7136 87
	14587 73

TURNPIKE REPAIR FUND.

Balance Sept. 1, 1895	14263 38
Receipts—	
Taxes collected	17178 63
Sale of old lumber	3 45
	31445 51
Expenditures—	
Directors' orders	18555 01
Balance Aug. 31, 1896	12890 50
	31445 51

TURNPIKE FUND.

Overdrawn Aug. 31, 1896	995 32
Receipts—	
Taxes collected	15706 22
	16701 54
Expenditures—	
Bonds redeemed	12500 00
Interest coupons cancelled	3462 50
Exchange bonds	27 92
Overdrawn Sept. 1, 1895	711 12
	16701 54

BUILDING FUND.

Balance Sept. 1, 1895	2112 74
Receipts—	
Taxes collected	2944 92
Sale of stores, etc	20 70
	5078 39
Expenditures—	
Court house and jail.	
Light	386 57
Coal	237 29
Supplies at jail	211 41
Supplies at court house	136 70
Pavement, court house	118 45
Water	198 00
Furniture	102 60
Telephones	95 63
Plumbing, etc., jail	95 38
Papering and painting	91 32
Range at jail	92 55
Cleaning vault, jail	58 00
Ice	30 25
Sprinkling	25 00
Medicine	6 30
Repairs, courtroom	49 38
Interest on loan	86 60
Loan cancelled	1200 00
Balance Aug. 31, 1896	1969 36
	5078 39

TOWNSHIP FUND.

Balance Sept. 1, 1895	1075 40
Receipts—	
Taxes collected	9138 27
	10213 67
Expenditures—	
Bloom township	798 03
Brush Creek township	250 95
Clay township	291 50
Green township	328 46
Harrison township	310 08
Jefferson township	254 74
Madison township	574 07
Morgan township	411 29
Nile township	342 89
Porter township	782 69
Harden township	339 23
Rush township	337 10
Union township	355 25
Valley township	916 46
Vernon township	270 54
Washington township	553 26
Transferred to election fund	459 09
	7595 33
Balance Aug 31, 1896	2618 34
	10213 67

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance Sept. 1, 1895	8522 19
Receipts—	
Taxes collected	66100 28
Common school, state	18598 50
Section sixteen, interest	2019 19
Virginia military	374 80
Joint sub. districts	184 00
	96001 35
Expenditures—	
Bloom township	3090 75
Brush Creek	893 11
Clay	5694 11
Green	3088 84
Harrison	1205 28
Jefferson	1183 24
Madison	2930 22
Morgan	1565 14
Nile	1655 28
Porter	5030 04
Harden	1628 92
Rush	1087 34
Union	1794 54
Valley	3821 19
Vernon	1537 20
Washington	2672 90
Buena Vista dist	902 78
Galena dist	1380 80
Harrisonville dist	356 88
Haverhill dist	552 79
Otway dist	416 28
Portsmouth dist	37414 01
South Webster dist	867 73
Wheelersburg dist	2510 93
Balance Aug. 31, 1896	12186 49
	96001 35

CORPORATION FUND.

Receipts—	
Taxes collected	55375 19
Dow law tax	10084 46
Street assessment	5571 82
Water Rent	151 93
Firemen's pension fund	1310 50
	73393 95
Expenditures—	
Portsmouth corporation	72875 66
Otway corporation	332 64
South Webster corporation	86 92
Trans. to election fund	50 73
Trans. to county fund	29 26
Balance Aug. 31, 1896	18 74
	73393 95

STATE FUND.

Receipts—	
Taxes collected	26095 04
Dow law tax	5480 32
Cigarette tax	121 81
Peddler's license	70 84
	32668 01
Expenditures—	
Trans. to school fund	21194 99
Treasurer of state	7306 80
Balance Aug. 31, 1896	4166 22
	32668 01

CHILDREN'S HOME FUND.

Balance Sept. 1, 1895	3635 67
Receipts—	
Taxes collected	4903 17
State per. capita school	76 50
	8620 34
Expenditures—	
Trustees Orders	5365 52
Balance Aug. 31, 1896	3254 82
	8620 34

DOW LAW FUND.

Receipts—	
Assessments, liquor traffic	22989 15
	22989 15
Expenditures—	
State's proportion	5480 32
Corporation fund	10084 46
Infirmary fund	4548 03
Refunded for discontinuance	1185 98
Auditor's fees	459 77
Treasurer's fees	114 94
Overdrawn Sept. 1, 1895	215 65
	22989 15

DOG FUND.

Balance Sept. 1, 1895	1314 80
Receipts—	
Taxes collected	850 10
	2164 90
Expenditures—	
Sheep claims	153 50
Witness sheep claims	10 05
Refunded	3 00
O. V. A. Society	353 77
Transferred to county	700 00
Balance Aug. 31, 1896	944 58
	2164 90

DITCH FUND.

Overdrawn Aug. 31, 1896	46 85
Receipts—	
Clay Township, ditch No. 1	323 47
Valley township, ditch No. 2	149 20
Expenditures—	
Clay township, ditch No. 1	36 50
Valley township, ditch No. 2	31 87
Overdrawn Sept. 1, 1895	451 25
	519 62

INDIGENT SOLDIERS' FUND.

Balance Sept. 1, 1895	966 87
Receipts—	
Taxes collected	981 63
	1948 50
Expenditures—	
Orders, soldier's relief commission	1132 00
Balance Aug. 31, 1896	816 50
	1948 50

ELECTION FUND.

Balance Sept. 1, 1895	865 15
Receipts—	
Taxes collected	1963 29
Transferred from twp. fund	450 09
Transferred from corp. fund	50 73
	3328 26
Expenditures—	
Orders, board of election	2246 74
Balance Aug. 31, 1896	1091 52
	3338 26

INSTITUTE FUND.

Balance Sept. 1, 1895	103 45
Receipts—	
Fees, teachers' examinations	221 00
	324 45
Expenditures—	
Expenses, county institute	262 16
Balance Aug. 31, 1896	62 29
	324 45

FEE FUND.

Receipts—	
Fees collected, Recorder	533 40
	533 40
Expenditures—	
Salary due Recorder	37 43
Transferred to county fund	495 97
	533 40

TAXES REFUNDED FUND.

Overdrawn Aug. 31, 1896	138 97
Receipts—	
Distribution, Feb. settlement	276 07
Aug. settlement	22 32
	437 96
Expenditures—	
Erroneous taxes refunded	313 85
Overdrawn Sept. 1, 1896	124 11
	437 96

REDEMPTION FUND.

Receipts—	
Balance Sept. 1, 1895	20 77
Expenditures—	
Refunded to purchasers	11 68
Balance Aug. 31, 1896	9 09
	20 77

CIGARETTE FUND.

Receipts—	
Collection on duplicate	244 84
Expenditures—	
Transferred to state fund	121 81
Transferred to county fund	121 80
Treasurer's fees	1 23
	244 84

PEDDLER'S LICENSE FUND.

Receipts—	
License to peddle	77 00
Expenditures—	
Transferred to state fund	70 84
Treasurer's fees	6 16
	77 00

INDEBTEDNESS SCIOTO COUNTY, O.

Bonded—	
Turnpike 6's	50000 00
Temporary Loans—	
County fund	20700 00
Turnpike repair fund	5050 00
Infirmary fund	4000 00
Bridge fund	1600 00
	$81950 00

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Sept. 9, 1896.

To the Honorable Noah J. Dever, Judge of the Common Pleas Court:

We, the duly elected and qualified Commissioners of Scioto County, Ohio, do hereby tender our annual report for the year ending August 31, 1896, as required under the provisions of Section No. 917 of the Revised Statutes of Ohio; together with a detailed report of the expenditures for the repair of the Free Turnpikes of said county, under our supervision as Turnpike Directors (ex-officio) of said county, all of which is

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. FEURT,
J. M. STOCKHAM,
J. W. SMITH,
Commissioners of Scioto County, Ohio.

Attest—Jos. T. Tracy Auditor.

EXAMINER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Noah J. Dever, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Scioto County, Ohio.

Your committee appointed to examine the reports of the County Commissioners and Turnpike Directors for the year ending August 31, 1896 begs leave to submit the following report:

The clerical errors found were few and not important, and have all been rectified by the proper officials. The accounts and records of the County, so far as we have had occasion to examine them, we regard as being neatly and correctly kept: with the exception that we found a number of claims which had been presented to and approved by the board of Infirmary Directors without having been first properly itemized. Special attention has been called to this matter by former Committees, and we can do little more than emphasize their suggestion: *"that no claim should be allowed or paid without being first specifically itemized."*

We find that the expenditure for stationery, supplies etc. for some of the offices has very considerably increased over that of former years. We suggest that so far as practicable an estimate of such supplies as are needed for the various offices might be submitted each month to the County Commissioners to be purchased at wholesale.

We think that all allowance to officials and others for services should be what such services in each instance are worth, rather than the maximum permitted by the statute as is too generally the rule.

We recommend that the superintendent of the Infirmary submit to the board of Infirmary Directors an estimate of the supplies needed for the Infirmary each month, and that the same be purchased by the board at wholesale. The Committee in its report last year, say: "We suggest that the Infirmary Directors and superintedent keep an itemized account of, and file an annual statement showing the actual productions, crops etc. raised on the farm, the amount consumed at the Infirmary and the proceeds of sales if any are made." This suggestion, which we think a good one does not seem to have been observed. We think it should be.

We heartily concur with the former recommendations that the management of the County Infirmary should be placed directly in the hands of the County Commissioners.

A. J. FULLER,
E. J. KENRICK,
Committee.

John C. Milner, Prosecuting Attorney.

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Recapitulation of Balances.

FUNDS.	Sept. 1, 1895 Balance.	Sept. 1, 1895 Overdraft.	Receipts.	Expend't's.	Total Receipts.	Total Expend't's.	Aug. 31, 1896. Balance.	Aug. 31, 1896. Overdraft.
County		3,292 61	42,689 36	37,665 95	42,689 36	40,958 57	1,730 79	
Infirmary	5,297 79		14,730 54	13,295 55	20,028 33	13,295 55	6,732 78	
Bridge	7,716 30		6,871 43	7,450 86	14,587 73	7,450 86	7,136 87	
Turnpike Repair	14,263 38		17,182 13	18,555 01	31,445 51	18,555 01	12,890 50	
Turnpike		711 12	15,706 22	15,900 42	15,706 22	16,701 54		995 32
Building	2,112 74		2,965 65	3,109 03	5,078 39	3,109 03	1,969 36	
Township	1,074 40		9,138 27	7,595 33	10,213 67	7,595 33	2,618 34	
School	8,522 19		87,479 25	83,814 86	96,001 35	83,814 86	12,186 49	
Corporation			73,393 95	73,375 21	73,393 95	73,375 21	18 74	
State			32,668 01	28,501 79	32,668 01	28,501 79	4,166 22	
Children's Home	3,635 67		4,984 67	5,365 52	8,620 34	5,365 52	3,254 82	
Dow Law		215 65	22,988 15	22,773 50	22,989 15	22,989 15		
Dog Fund	1,314 80		850 10	1,220 32	2,164 90	1,220 32	944 58	
Ditch Fund		451 25	472 77	66 37	472 77	519 62		46 85
Indigent Soldiers	966 87		981 63	1,132 00	1,948 40	1,132 00	816 50	
Election	865 15		2,473 11	2,246 74	3,338 26	2,246 74	1,091 52	
Institute	103 45		221 00	262 16	324 45	262 16	62 29	
Fee Fund			533 40	533 40	533 40	533 40		
Taxes Refunded		124 11	298 99	313 55	298 99	437 96		138 97
Redemption	20 77			11 68	20 77	11 68	9 09	
Cigarette Fund			244 84	244 84	244 84	244 84		
Peddler's License			77 00	77 00	77 00	77 00		
	$45,894 42	$4,794 75	$336,051 47	$323,603 39	$382,845 89	$328,398 14	$55,628 89	$1,181 14

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Refused to Lower Her Colors to a Spanish Gunboat.

The Three Friends Trained a Twelve-Pound Hotchkiss Gun

On the Enemy and a Lively Sea Duel Took Place—Spanish Gunboats Came Up and the American Vessel Left—May Lead to International Complications.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A Key West (Fla.) dispatch to the Herald concerning the return to that port of the filibuster steamer Three Friends, says:

The most famous of filibustering steamers carrying an expedition which I accompanied was fired upon by a Spanish launch and a Spanish gunboat while attempting to land munitions of war at the mouth of the San Juan river, between Cienfuegos and Trinidad, at midnight of Saturday, December 19.

The filibuster trained a 12-pound Hotchkiss gun on the launch and replied with shrapnel and a scattering rifle fire. The launch sent up a rocket for assistance, and as the filibuster steamed to sea, still firing, the gunboat, which had been hidden around a point and which appeared a few minutes after the launch opened fire, gave chase, using her bow gun, evidently a 12 pounder. The filibuster was too swift for her pursuers, and the gunners did poor work in the uncertain moonlight. One shell passed over the filibuster and ploughed the water far ahead of her. The others went wide, none taking effect.

Shrapnel poured from the filibuster and burst near the Spanish launch, but while I was watching from our pilot house with a marine glass I was unable to tell whether or not it did any damage.

The roar of the Hotchkiss, giving notice that the filibuster was ready to fight as well as run, was a great surprise to the Spaniards, and, no doubt, increased our chances of escape. The filibuster fired only two shots from her cannon. Her riflemen were pretty busy while the launch was within 1,000 yards, but the light was bad and the target by no means plain, except when her gun flashed. The launch fired eight shots from her two-pounders, and the gunboat used her twelve-pounder three times.

The filibuster had expected to meet a strong detachment of Cuban troops at the mouth of San Juan river and went straight into a trap instead. Had the launch been better concealed, or had the moon been hidden, the expedition would have met with disaster, the arms and ammunition would have been captured and the 50 men on board shot. This dispatch is to be carried back to Key West by the steamer which brings the expedition to Cuba, and long before it is filed in Key West we shall have landed near Cienegade Zapata, for which place it was decided to head the ship after we were forced to abandon the original plan of taking in Las Guasimas.

The battle of the San Juan river may be the cause of international complications. The filibuster steamed along the south coast all day Saturday, and at 9 o'clock in the evening was directly off the mouth of the San Juan river. The wind was off the land. The work of landing was to occupy about one hour.

The steamer carried 50 men, a 12-pound Hotchkiss gun, 3,300 rifles, a supply of machetes, 500,000 rifle cartridges, shells for the Hotchkiss gun, and a supply of dynamite shells for one of the guns which Gen. Gomez has already.

AGED LADY

Sat Powerless to Help a Companion Burning to Death.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Mary Walson, aged 82, was burned to death at the home of her neice, Mrs. Patrick Reynolds, in Duquesne. She and another aged lady named Mrs. Rose Quigley occupied the same room. Both were very feeble. About 9:30 o'clock Mary Reynolds found Mrs. Walson by the side of the bed, her clothing all ablaze. Mrs. Quigley was sitting by the window powerless to help her companion.

Miss Reynolds attempted to smother the fire. This was accomplished, but not before Mrs. Walson was so badly burned that she died in 20 minutes. Mrs. Quigley said that they were fixing up their room for Christmas when Mrs. Walson, while dusting a mantel, fell against the fire.

Died of Hydrophobia.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—From symptoms developed by Conrad Eppers, of 19 Railroad avenue, Woodbury, it is likely that the death of Robert Henry from hydrophobia will not be the only fatal result of the St. Bernard's mad race through the northern annex, on December 1, when he bit eight boys. Eppers has partial paralysis of the face and during the afternoon had several spasms of the throat. Attendant physicians fear the worst.

Patriots in Jail.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—The 57 men arrested on political grounds, as cabled a few days ago, were placed in jail as conspirators. Among those arrested were Manuel Aguiro, Manuel Gutierrez, Trujillo Lu, Julian Diaz Nunez, Francisco Estrada, Francisco Montalvo, Pascual Mendive, Jose Maria Ganalejo, Bernardo Alcazar, Francisco Xiques, Fernando Scull and Jose Magica.

Minister Willis Dying.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 26.—Advices per steamer from Honlulu say that Minister Willis, of Kentucky, the United States representative in the Islands of Hawaii, who has been ill for some time, is dying.

Fatal Row Between Whites and Blacks.

RHINE, Ga., Dec. 26.—A row between whites and blacks started in McLeod's bar-room here Friday night. Jim Whitehead and Andrew Reeves, colored, were killed outright and Tom Dowdy, white, was badly cut.

CONDENSED NEWS,

Gathered From All Parts of the Country by Telegraph.

Brakeman A. T. Prout, aged 23, fell under a train at Montgomery, W. Va., and was instantly killed.

Percy Peyton and Hal Baumgardner, of Barboursville, W. Va., were arrested, charged with robbing the C. & O. depot there.

Prof. John H. Wise, a prominent teacher of Wise county, Va., a close kinsman of Gov. Henry A. Wise, of John Brown fame, suicided by shooting.

Succi, the Italian faster, who has given exhibitions of his endurance in the United States, became insane after a performance in Paris and was taken to a hospital.

Paul Vandervoort, president of the National Reform Press association has issued an address to that organization in which he announced that the annual meeting will be held at Memphis, Tenn., February 22, 1897.

At Pennington Gap, Va., Eugene Wolf was murdered by an unknown lumberman on the Kentucky side of the state line in a quarrel over a game of cards for $10, staked as Christmas spending money. The murderer escaped.

The jury at Trenton, N. J., in the case of George Sands, alias Dr. Clark, and Mary Knapp, tried for passing counterfeit money in Hoboken, rendered a verdict of guilty. Judge Kirkpatrick fixed January 5 as the date for sentence to be imposed.

The body of Ebenezer Scott was found on the river bank near Peoria, Ill., with his brains blown out and a shotgun clenched firmly in his hand. Wednesday night he had filled his wife's neck and shoulder with shot, and then he went out and killed himself. The woman, it is thought, will recover.

President Boyce, of the Western Mineral Mines federation, on the way to his home at Butte, Mont., from the Cincinnati convention of the American Federation of Labor, called on Eugene Debs, at Terre Haute, Ind., and the latter promised to leave at once for Colorado to help the 3,000 striking miners at Leadville.

John D. O'Brien, attorney for the Bank of Minnesota, announced Friday evening that steps will be taken looking to the re-organization of the bank. Both the stockholders and the depositors are enthusiastically in favor of putting the institution on its feet again, and the depositors are especially lenient in their demands.

Jay Van Seyee and Earl Campbell, two young men, were drowned Friday while skating on a lake adjoining the Seyee farm, near Valley, Neb. The ice gave away without warning and they sank in 12 feet of water. There was nobody present when the accident occurred and the bodies were not recovered for several hours.

Mrs. Frank Watson, wife of a stationary engineer, was shot and instantly killed at Memphis, Tenn., some time Thursday night, and her husband has been arrested charged with the murder. Watson and his wife have been separated, but recently appeared to become reconciled, and Thursday he sent her a lot of Christmas goods.

Mr. John Chatfield, proprietor of the Hotel Jefferson, Fifteenth street and Fourth avenue, New York, died suddenly from apoplexy Friday morning. Mr. Chatfield had been manager of Fenwick Hall, Saybrooke, Ct.; the Manhansett house, Shelter Island; the Brighton Beach hotel and the Pequod house, of New London, and other hotels.

Lilioukalani, ex-queen of the Hawaiian islands, arrived in Jersey City from the south at 1:25 o'clock Friday afternoon. A crowd of curious persons was at the station to meet her, and when her private car came to a stop in the Pennsylvania railroad station they gathered close around it in order to catch a glimpse of the deposed queen.

It took Peter Maher just one minute and a half in the first round to send O'Donnell, of Australia, down and out Friday afternoon at the Greater New York Athletic club at Coney Island, formerly the Seaside Athletic club. The men were matched to go 20 rounds or more, which practically meant a finish fight, but Maher saved the management from infringing on the Horton law by giving the Australian his quietus with three left hand punches.

B. & O. S-W. Holiday Rates.

The B. & O. S-W. railroad will sell, on December 24th, 25th, 31st and Jan. 1st, round-trip tickets to all points for one and one-third fare for the round trip. Good going only on day of sale; final return limit, January 4th, 1897.

Thousands are suffering excruciating misery from that plague of the night, itching piles, and say nothing about it through a sense of delicacy. All such will find an instant relief in the use of Doan's Ointment. It never fails.

That Catarrh Is a Local Affection.

Of the causal passages, is a fact established by physicians, and this authority should carry more weight than assertions of incompetent parties, that catarrh is a blood affection. Ely's Cream Balm is a local remedy, composed of harmless medicants and free of mercury or any injurious drug. It will cure catarrh. Applied directly to the inflamed membrane, it restores it to its healthy condition.

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The interchangeable one-thousand mile tickets of the "Big Four Route" are indispensable to all business firms and commercial travelers. The lines of the "Big Four" penetrate all the big cities of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and a ticket which can be used to reach these cities, as well as cities on principal connecting lines, is invaluable.

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There is nothing better than Foley's Kidney Cure. Everyone who tries it will agree to this. Sold at Amanns' pharmacies.

Holiday Excursions via Buckeye Route.

The O. H. V. & T. railway, known everywhere in the state of Ohio as the Buckeye route, will, on December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1896, and January 1st, 1897, sell excursion tickets to points on its own line and to all points on connecting lines in the territory of the central passenger committee, at a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, good returning until January 4th, 1897. This concession in rates and limits of tickets will give everybody an opportunity to visit their friends during the merry season, which comes but once a year. Make your preparations to make the old folks at home a visit, and purchase your tickets over the popular Buckeye route. It is the only line between Toledo and Columbus, having union depot terminals in both cities, thus avoiding omnibus transfers in going through Columbus or Toledo to points in Ohio and Michigan. For time of trains, tickets and full information, call on agents of the O. H. V. & T. railway, or write to W. H. Fisher, general passenger and ticket agent, Columbus, Ohio.

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Peck P.O., Pike Co., O., July 4, '96.
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Gentlemen:—I have purchased a box of Wright's celery capsules from James T. Blasser, druggist, Waverly, Ohio, and used them for disease of the stomach and constipation. I was unable to do any work for nearly two years. I used three boxes of your Wright's celery capsules and it has cured me. For the benefit of others so afflicted, I wish to send you this letter.

W. S. ANDERSON,
Peck P. O., Pike Co., O.

Holiday Visitors.

As in former years, The Ohio Southern will give its patrons an opportunity to visit friends and relations during the holidays, by making the very low rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip between all stations on its own line and to points on connecting lines. Tickets on sale December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1896, and Jan. 1st, 1897. Limited good to return up to and including Jan. 4, 1897. Call on agents for further particulars, or address F. E. FISHER, G. P. A., Springfield, O.

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Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia the past month, with good results. Sold at Amanns' pharmacies.

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The Public Will Take Notice.

On and after December 1st, 1896, all trains of the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo railway will arrive and depart from the Union depot in Toledo, thus avoiding the objectionable transfer at Toledo in going to and from points in Michigan. All trains will continue to depart from and arrive in the Union depot at Columbus as in the past, making the Buckeye route not only the short line between Columbus and Toledo but the only line having union depot terminals in both cities. When purchasing tickets to points in Ohio, remember the fact that omnibus transfers are avoided if tickets read via the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo railway. For information, write agents, or W. H. Fisher, general passenger ticket agent, Columbus, Ohio.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters, is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old People find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and $1.00 per bottle at Fisher & Streich's drug store.

"Big Four Route."

The "Big Four Route," with its time-honored custom, will sell tickets from points on its lines at the low rate of one and one-hird fare for the round trip, on December 24, 25 and 31, 1896, and January 1, 1897, good returning until January 2, 1897.

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Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. Sold by Amanns' pharmacies.

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N. B.—To be continued in our next. ***

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Ladies' All Linen, at 10, 12, 15 and 20 cents
Children's fancy border Handkerchiefs, two for 5c.
Gent's Handkerchiefs at all prices and plenty of them.

JEWELRY.

A beautiful line of Gent's Cuff Buttons at 25, 35 and 50 cents.
A beautiful line of Gent's Stick Pins for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35 and 50c.
A beautiful line of Set Rings at 25c, regular price 50c.
A beautiful line of Plain Band Rings at 39c, 50c and $1 00
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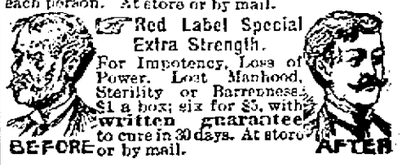

FISHER & STREICH, Portsmouth,

OH ANGELINE!

Why Do You Seek to Kill Your Dear David.

Otway Couple Have a Falling Out Tuesday and Christmas Eve David Gets His Divorce Petition Filed—A New Face in Jail—Court House News.

David and Angeline Yonkers, of Otway, have quarreled, and David has filed a petition for divorce through Ed. K. Walsh, attorney. He charges extreme cruelty. The couple were married at Henley, Oct. 1889, and have one child. David claims his wife has threatened several times to kill him and he lives in danger of bodily harm every instant of his existence. The petition states that on December 20th, Angeline refused to perform her household duites, and two days later her marital relations with David were cut short. Plaintiff thinks he is also entitled to a divorce from the fact that Angeline has sought to impugn his connubial fidelity and circulate reports derogatory to his moral character. He wants divorce and relief. The couple will probably make up and withdraw the petition before court time. David seems to have been a little hasty.

ROLAND IN JAIL.

Sheriff Rickey arrested and landed in jail Thursday evening Ed. Roland, the West Side man who attempted to chop his step-father, Dave Wolf, to pieces with an ax about two weeks ago. Roland was found up in Pike county, near California, where he was chopping wood. The sheriff took him by surprise. He will be taken down to 'Squire Foster's court Monday afternoon and arraigned on a plea of assault with intent to kill.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Frank Dolt, age 30, and Lona Cutright, age 22, both of Wheelersburg.

Troy Morris, 28, Indian Run, and Nevada McGraw, 19, Portsmouth.

Vernon R. Barrett, 28, and Lizzie Marsh, 26, both of Wait's Station.

Patrick Henry, 21, and Nora Spriggs, 19, Portsmouth.

CHRISTMAS WEDDING BELLS.

In the Glow of the Yule Log Many Are Given and a Few Taken for Better Or for Worse.

Dr. E. C. Jackson, the popular young dentist, was married Christmas evening, at eight o'clock, to Miss Hala Ervin, a charming young lady of Jackson. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride in Jackson. Only a few intimate friends and relatives were present. The happy couple, after a short visit with friends in Jackson county, will return to Portsmouth, where they have engaged a suite of rooms in the new Damarin building.

Troy Morris, an employe of the Kentucky Fire Brick works at Indian Run, was married Friday evening to Miss Nevada McGraw, of Springville, Ky.

It is given out on good authority that Walter Pummel, cutter at the Drew-Selby shoe factory, went to Huntington Christmas to lead to the altar one of the fair young ladies of that city. They are expected home today.

Chas. Apple, an employe of the Burgess mill, was married Thursday evening at Greenup to Miss Bessie Belcher, of this city. The couple, after a short visit with friends at Grayson, will return and take up their residence on West Third street.

Why Not Learn the Best?

The River City College opens its winter session January 5th. Save time and money by attending this school. Shorthand course (complete) but $40, on monthly payments. See us, or write for late circular.

G. W. MOOTHART, President,
Chillicothe street.

The large crowd of shoppers in the last four days, at Lehman's knew the best place in town to buy shoes.

On Exhibition.

One of the fine Golden Red pianos, in a beautiful quartered oak case, is on exhibition at the Orr & Abbott paint and wall paper house at 209 Chillicothe street. You are cordially invited to call and see it, no matter whether you wish to buy or not. It is certainly a thing of beauty and will prove a thing of joy to the purchaser.

A new lot of fancy satin and suede slippers, in all colors, for party wear, at the Kendall Shoe Co's. 18-tf

Married at Wheelersburg.

Frank Dold and Miss Laura Cutright daughter of Geo. Cutright, of Wheelersburg, were married Thursday by Squire Hacquard, of Wheelersburg.

River City Council.

River City Council No. 11, U. O. T., meets at Gilson's hall at 7:30 p. m this evening. Business of importance and initiation.

Carving sets, plain steel or silver-plated, best in the land, at prices to suit you. J. C. HIBBS & CO.

Miss Zottman Will Sing.

Miss Kate Zottman will sing at the Second Presbyterian tomorrow both morning and evening.

Cheerful

Holiday wishes the Portsmouth Brewing and Ice company to all its patrons, and to our good citizens in general.

BLANKEMEYER, THE TAILOR—this means something. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

PERSONAL.

Officer Sam Beatty was calling on friends in Jackson Friday.

'Squire Daniel Shakespeare and wife are visiting relatives at Clifton, W. Va.

Miss Garnett Smith, of Lucasville, O., visited friends here Thursday and Friday.

Deputy Sheriff Louis Collins, of Greenup, was a business visitor in the city today.

Will Glockner, is the guest of his brother, Alex Glockner, at 12 East Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, of New port, are visting Mrs. Miller's parents, on Sixth street.

Will Genheimer, of the O. S. U., Columbus, is spending the holidays with friends in this city.

Charles. S. Brown, of West Eight street, left this morning for Chillicothe to visit friends for a few days.

Miss Hattie Draper, who has a position in Cincinnati, arrived home yesterday to spend a few days.

Jno. W. Morgan, of Columbus, general agent of the Northwestern Life Insurance company, is in the city.

Dan Yost, now with the big law firm of Childs & Achorn, of Boston, is here on a short visit to his parents.

Mrs. S. O. Losee and daughter, Miss Nellie, are spending the holidays with Mrs. J. H. Clare, of Bloom Switch.

Harry Miller and Ed. Johnson, attended the Kinckerbocker dance at Syndicate hall Ironton Christmas night.

Mrs. Huffman, of Waverly, is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Alex Kellison, on East Front street.

R. T. Lawson, of Springville, Ky., left today, via C. & O., for Denver, Col., where he will make his future home.

Dr. Frank Stillman, of Columbus, spent Christmas with his father, Major Geo. H. Stillman, and other relatives in the city.

Joe. B. Kitt, of the Portsmouth Supply House, is in Cincinnati buying goods and spending the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Chas. Schweinburg and little daughter, of Chillicothe, are the guests of her father, W. W. Watkins, of East Front street.

Dr. Geo. Dennis, of Chicago, is spending a few days with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Dennis, of West Second street.

Chas. Sommers and Mrs. Victoria Sommers, wife of Henry Sommers, of Mattawan, W. Va., are here visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. E. A. Baucus has returned to her home at La Crosse, Wis., after a two months' visit with her son, Wm. Baucus, of Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dudnit Jr., returned last night from Ironton, where they were visiting Mr. Dudnits parents Capt. and Mrs. Harry Brown.

Mrs W. J. Jones, of Waverly, mother of Mrs. David Stahler, of 145 West Fourth street, is here spending the holidays with her daughter.

Miss Georgia McCormick and brother, Charley, of Poplar Flats, Ky., are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Fisher, of West Sixth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore, of Cincinnati, spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James LeFevre, of John street.

Mrs. Frank Swander, of Titusville, Pennsylvania, is spending a week with relatives here. She came to attend the funeral of Miss Emma Sachs, who was her cousin.

John Craig, Jr., now located in Philadelphia, in the office of chief engineer of the Pennsylvania railroad, is home on a visit to his parents, on the West Side.

Miss Annie Allen, of Delaware, O., who was called here by the death of her cousin, Miss Emma Sachs, will remain over the holidays. She is the guest of her cousin, Miss Lizzie Shields, of West Third street.

Orin Hopkins, a brother of B. W. Hopkins, of the firm of Storck & Hopkins, who has been helping the boys in the store here, is spending the holidays with his parents in Oak Hill, Ohio.

Miss Lucy Daehler, who has been in Troy, Ohio, for sometime with her sister, Mrs. Rev. Deiterle, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Daehler, and family. She has the two little sons of Rev. Dieterle with her, and the little fellows are having a great time.

Fancy fire-sets, brass, nickel-plated and plain, at J. C. Hibbs & Co's.

Reduced Rates, C. & O.

During the holidays the C. & O. will sell tickets to all points at greatly reduced rates.

"Sugar Loaf" baked beans, with catsup sauce, made by Sears & Nichols, are the finest on earth. Ask your grocer for them.

Do

You want something extra fine for the holidays? Then order a dozen of the bottle beer for home us from The Portsmouth Brewing and Ice company.

Ladies desiring a suitable persent for their sweetheart or husband should buy a pair of gentlemen's house slippers. Prices range from sixty cents to $2.00.

KENDALL SHOE CO.

Your Neighbor

doesn't know what she is missing by not using Cleveland's baking powder.

Number 28 Won.

The handsome doll that was given away as a Christmas present at Meyers' confectionery store, on West Second street, was won by No. 28. Whoever holds that number can get the prize by calling for it.

Dies of Croup.

A little child of H. C. Prior, of East Eleventh street, died yesterday of croup. The remains were shipped to South Webster this morning for interment.

If you have not called on BLANKEMEYER, THE TAILOR, you will find it to your advantage to do so. You know the rest.

The Correct Number

Of Pins in Sign

11,556.

The Nearest Guessers Are:

11,560—Chas. Roth, McGaw, O., Dec. 21, gets.... $100.00.
11,560—Frank Mannix, City, Dec. 22, gets..... 50.00.
11,567—Chas. Knost, City, Dec. 3, gets..... 25.00.
11,567—Mrs. Mary Frowine, City, Dec. 17, gets.. 15.00.
11,568—D. J. Edwards, City, Dec. 22, gets..... 10.00

Pins Were Counted by

Chas. Goddard, of the Times.
J. F. Strayer, of the Blade.
L. M. Mann, of the Press.
John Warheit, of the Correspondent.

With many thanks to our friends for their liberal patronage,

GOOD GOODS AT LOW PRICES — Heer Bros — 409-411 CHILLICOTHE STREET.

Revised and Reduced Prices

On the following Holiday Goods. This is a chance to get even.

DOLLS

One-Third Off

BOOKS.

Byron or Shakespeare complete, cloth bound, 50c.

Teacher's Oxford Bibles, were $1.48, now $1 19.

Glimpse of the World, 549 photographic views, were $2.50, now $1.50.

Histories and Biographies, half calf bound, were 75c, now 50c.

12 mo. cloth bound Avon or Oxford edition, were 25c, now 19c, or 3 for 50c.

Webster's Dictionary, reprint, half Russia, was $2.50, now $1.75.

Webster's Dictionary, reprint, full sheep, was $2 75, now $2.00.

Ladies' Muffs.

Greatly reduced. 200 pairs Ladies' fine Black Cashmere Gloves, 35c quality for 19c.

Children's Wool

Tam O'Shanter's and Toques, former price 50c; our low price 25c, now 15c.

Sample Aprons

100 Aprons, samples of a large New York jobber. Make a large variety and at very low prices.

Evening Gloves

We have ordered and expect to have in by Monday 16-button length Gloves in cream, pink, light blue and white.

G. W. ANDERSON & SONS,

DAYLIGHT STORE, DAMARIN BLOCK.

Corner Court and Second.

YOUR FRIENDS

Or even your Kin Folks will be glad to get a New Year's gift. Now what shall it be? A toy of some kind or some other thing that will do them no good.

We Would Suggest a Pair of Shoes.

A pair of shoes that will look nice, a pair of shoes that will not hurt their feet, a pair of shoes that is stylish, a pair of shoes that will wear good and a pair of shoes that will not cost two prices. Should the party be a gentleman to whom you want to make the present, we would advise you to try a pair of our own make Goodyear Welt Shoes, or a pair of the Excelsior Shoes. Should it be a lady a nice pair of the Tremper Shoes would please, or even a pair of shoes that is made by P. Sullivan & Co., of Cincinnati. For a dollar and a half to three dollars you will get the most stylish shoe in the market from us. We are closing out a line of Fancy Satin Slippers for Ladies and the prices are lower than we could replace them for in our store.

Wishing you all to make the right purchases we can't help but ask you to examine our stock of shoes which will save you some money in case you buy at our store.

Our $3 98 Men's Shoes, that sell in other stores for $5.00, now.... $3 24
Our 3 49 Men's Shoes, that sell in other stores for 4.50, now.... 2 99
Our 3.24 Men's Shoes, which can never be bought elsewhere for less than $4.25, now.. 2 74
Our 2.99 Men's Shoes, which are as good as any $4.00 shoe in the country.... 2 49
Our 2 74 Men's Shoes, the kind you pay $3.50 for elsewhere, now.... 2 24
Our 2.49 Men's Shoes, that are worth $3 25, now.... 1 99
Our 2.24 Men's Shoes, considered a bargain in other stores at $3.00, now.... 1 79
Our 1.99 Men's Shoes, which have no equal for $2.75 in other stores, now.... 1 59
Our 1.79 Men's Shoes, that other merchants can't buy for less than $2.50, now.... 1 39
Our 1.49 Men's Shoes, that are sold in other stores at all times for $2.25, now.... 2 49
Our 3.50 Invisible Cork Sole Shoes, which are worth $5.00, now.... 1 99
Our 2 99 Cork Sole Shoes, that are worth $4 00, now.... 1 79
Our 2.49 Cork Sole Shoes, that are worth $3 50, now.... 1 49
200 pairs of Men's Shoes in ten different styles, worth $3 00 pair, now.... 99
150 pairs of Men's Working Shoes in Congress, Lace and Buckle, worth $2 00, now.... $2 99
Our $3 99 Ladies' Shoes that are selling in other stores for $5 00, now.... 2 49
Our 3.49 Ladies' Shoes that are always called bargains in other stores at $4 50 now.... 2 24
Our 3.24 Ladies' Shoes that are not to be seen elsewhere for less than $4.00, now.... 1 99
Our 2 99 Ladies' Shoes that are as good as the $3 50 shoes elsewhere, now.... 1 69
Our 2.49 Ladies' Shoes which are as stylish as those you pay $3.25 for, now.... 1 79
Our 2 24 Ladies' Shoes now.... 1 49
Our 1 99 Ladies' Shoes now.... 1 59
Our 1.89 Ladies' Shoes now.... 1 49
Our 1.79 Ladies' Shoes now.... 1 49
250 pairs of Ladies' Shoes, the cheapest in the lot is worth $2.50, now.... 1 99
Ladies' Shoes made by the Tremper Shoe Co., worth $3.00, now.... 1 99
Ladies' Congress with buttons, made by the Tremper Shoe Co., worth $3.00, now.... 1 99
Ladies' Hand Turn Shoe, made by the Tremper Shoe Co., worth $3 50, now.... 1 49
Ladies' Shoes in heavy Pebble Goat, patent leather tip, custom made, worth $2 25, now 1 59
Ladies' Shoes in kangaroo calf, with or without patent leather tip, now.... 1 24
Ladies' warm lined Shoes, cloth tops, worth $1.75, now.... 49
Ladies' Felt Slippers, worth 75c, now.... 99
Ladies' Dongola Kid Slippers, warm lined, worth $1 50, now.... 99
Ladies' Heavy Calf Oil Grain Shoes in button and lace, worth $1.50, now....

THE SAMPLE SHOE CO.,

Manufacturers of Men's Goodyear Welt Shoes.

Store Open Every Evening.

"HEAR DEM BELLS,"

They are the echo of Christmas Bells, for Christmas is now past. If you want a Book, an Album, a Toilet Case, a Cigar Box, a Necktie Case, a Mirror and Frame for a New Year's present, WE SELL THEM CHEAPER THAN EVER.

We Want To Clean Out Our Stock.

Our toy department is the largest in town and we sell cheaper than anybody. Our dolls are beauties, all sizes and kinds and we sell them for less than any dry goods man can make them. Cards and calendars and booklets. Our 15c, 25c and 50c books are worth twice the amount.

SCHLOSS & COMPANY,

414 CHILLICOTHE STREET.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

Is King

And is performing miracles at Seebohm's this week. We still have a fine assortment. Our line comprises all articles usually found in a first class Drug Store during the Holidays. You are invited. We can save you $ $ $. No trouble to show goods. Our prices will suit you.

Yours B. Jolly & Merry, alias

SEEBOHM & CO.,

Second and Chillicothe Sts.